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WELCH NO. 2 WILDCAT HAS OIL SHOWING

Who Can Vote

George Perkins this morning had prepared for publication the law regarding who can vote in the city elections tomorrow. From this it will be seen that a qualified voter must be twenty-one years of age, a resident of Texas one year and a resident of Mexia six months. "Residence" is also defined. The payment of the city poll tax is not a requisite. All entitled to vote must live within the corporate limits of Mexia.

The law is as follows:

Who Can Vote

Sec. 31. Qualifications for Voting in City Elections.—All qualified electors of this State, as described in Articles 2338 and 2339, who shall have resided for six months immediately preceding an election within the limits of any city of incorporated town shall have a right to vote for mayor and all other elective officers; but, in all elections to determine the expenditure of money or assumption of debt, or issuance of bonds, only those shall be qualified to vote who pay taxes on property in such city or incorporated town; provided, that no poll tax for the payment of debts thus incurred shall be levied upon the person debarred from voting in relation thereto. (Art. 240, R. S.)

1. A party who moves into an incorporated city after January 1, 1909, is not subject to a poll tax in said city for the year 1909 and will be entitled to vote without having paid his city poll tax provided other poll taxes are paid and he is otherwise qualified.

2. To require one class of persons, viz., those residing outside the city, to pay the poll tax not later than January 31st, and another class, those residing within the city to pay same

tax not later than December 31st, or else be deprived of the right to vote, would work a hardship, and would be unenforceable. A qualification for a voter that conflicts with the provision of the Constitution that requires poll taxes to be paid prior to January 31st is void.

Sec. 32. "Residence" Defined.—The residence of a single man is where he usually sleeps at night; that of a married man is where his wife resides, or if he be permanently separated from his wife, his residence is where he sleeps at night; provided, that the residence of one who is an inmate of a public asylum or eleemosynary institution, or who is employed as a clerk in one of the departments of government at the capital of this State, or who is a student of a college or university, unless such officer, inmate, clerk or student has become a bona fide resident citizen in the county where he is employed, or is such student, shall be construed to be where his home was before he became such inmate or officer in such eleemosynary institution or asylum or was employed as such clerk or became such student, and, if on payment of his poll tax he would be a qualified voter, he shall be permitted to return during the month of January in each year to his home to pay his poll tax or obtain his certificate of exemption, and shall be permitted to return again to his home to vote at any general or primary election. The inmates of the Confederate Home situated within the limits of the city of Austin, shall after obtaining their certificates of exemption, be entitled to vote for State, district, municipal and county officers. (Art. 241, R. S.)

ARRINGTON SAYS CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE IN CITY AFFAIRS ARE UNJUST AND MISLEADING

I am prompted by a sense of justice to the individuals who comprise the citizenship of our town, and a spirit of fairness to those who have had in charge the administration of our governmental affairs to "push into print" for several reasons.

The "yellow" sheet or hand-bill appearing on our streets last Saturday is calculated to be misleading and is very deceptive (probably so intended).

Those seeking election on a tax reduction platform should first ascertain if it is possible to reduce taxes and still run our government judiciously.

The statements I make here are founded on facts and invite your careful consideration.

I wish to preface my remarks by saying that this letter from me is unsolicited. I have no axe to grind. I am not connected in any way with the Municipal Government, I am not seeking any office, neither do I intend doing so.

I profess to know something of taxation and the need thereof and I challenge any one to prove that our present tax rate can be reduced over 15% without seriously impairing our government. I happen to know that the present administration have had under consideration long before now a reduction in the existing tax rate.

Regarding the expenses of our government I submit a comparative statement showing the operating expenses for the first three months of 1922 and for the corresponding period of 1923.

Operating expense for 3 mos. 1922 were \$21,383.33

Operating expenses for 3 mos. 1923 were \$12,425.19

You will observe a substantial reduction in operating expenses under last year of approximately eighty-nine hundred dollars or over 40 per cent. Who deserves credit for this reduction?

I also know that a still further reduction goes into effect today amounting approximately \$700 per month and this was planned long before the public was concerned about it.

Regarding the five hundred dollar salaries being paid, I wish to say I have investigated this feature also and will not have to retract any statement I have made when I say that no one connected with the present administration is receiving any such salary, neither is there a

I will also pay my respects to this phase of the administration.

Investigation develops the fact that the operation of this department for the past seven months has shown a profit approximately eleven thousand dollars. Eight thousand and eight hundred of this has been expended in making extensions and improvements, leaving a net cash balance of approximately twenty-four hundred dollars. Does this seem profitable or not?

It will be a deplorable state of affairs if the reins of our government fall into the hands of men who are inclined to be destructive rather than constructive or who are so blind or ignorant or both that they would mar the developments and hinder the progress toward the realization of our dreams for ages past.

This is a serious question and these facts as set forth merit the careful consideration and investigation of all those who have the interest of our city in mind.

In closing I wish to admonish all those who seek to hinder our progress by endeavoring to stir up strife, by making statements regarding the extravagance of the administration which statements are erroneous and misleading, we will ask you to get out of our way, because we will see you trampled under the wheels of progress.

Young truly,

J. D. ARRINGTON.

RAIN OR SHINE

(Information furnished by A. W. Wadkill, the radio man, 306 East Commerce St., Phone 553.)

U. S. Weather Bureau's A. M. Forecast for April 2, 1923:—

Mexia and Vicinity

Tonight and Tuesday unsettled with probably showers, continued warm tonight, minimum temperature about 60 degrees, colder by Tuesday night, moderate to fresh Northwesterly winds. East Texas: tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably showers, warmer tonight. West Texas, tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably rain in Panhandle, colder in N. portion Tuesday.

Highway Weather Service

Highways are generally rough and bad in Eastern Texas and Southern Oklahoma.

Any detours will be indicated by signs.

On extended trip called weather.

Six Unmasked Men Get Six Mail Sacks In Illinois Hold-Up

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 2.—Six unmasked men who seized six sacks of mail at the Chicago & Alton Railway station here yesterday and staged a running gun battle with police in making a get-away, were sought through three States today.

Police claimed to have information that the raid was made by gangsters known as "Egan's Rats", having ramifications in Chicago and St. Louis. Raids in those two cities, as well as in Illinois were being watched.

The robbers, suddenly descending upon the station with revolvers and sawed-off shotguns, obtained little, if any, valuable loot, postal authorities said today. They missed a sack of registered mail, it was declared.

Police came on the scene just as the robbers were leaving, tearing open letters and mail sacks as they went. A running battle down the principal streets, the bandits firing slugs and dum-dum bullets, ensued, throwing crowds at two or three dance halls, into a panic.

One suspect, heavily armed, was arrested near the place where the robbers abandoned their bullet-splattered automobile. He was held pending investigation and is said to be a member of the gang believed to have staged the affair.

First Blood In Fake Promoters Case Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, April 2.—The first blow of the federal government was struck in the Fort Worth oil promotion clean up. Charges were filed against twenty-five promoters and warrants placed in the hands of United States Marshal. Use of the mails to defraud was charged. The first arrest was that of D. S. Hanning of the Producers association, which was headed by Dr. Cooke of North Pole fame.

Lansing - Ishih Pact Obsolete and Dead

TOKYO, April 2.—The Japanese government is entirely willing to abrogate the Lansing-Ishih agreement under which the United States recognized the "special interests" of Japan in China, the exact definition of which has never been settled, it was learned. Japan considers that the value of the agreement has long since ceased to exist.

Mill Operatives Get 10% Increase

ROCK HILL, S. C., April 2.—Wage increases of 10 per cent to mill operatives were announced today by five cotton mills here. They are to become effective immediately. The mills granting the increase are the Arcade, Aragon, Industrial, Victoria Mills No. 1, and 2, and the Cachart Mills Nos. 1 and 2.

Auto Accident Kills 5 Persons

ASHLAND, Ky., April 2.—Five persons were killed and two injured here yesterday when an automobile collided with a Chesapeake & Ohio locomotive at a grade crossing.

Mrs. J. R. Saunders, who, with her two children survived, was unable to explain the crash. Her husband was among those killed.

Texas Girl Is Champ. Dancer

NEW YORK, April 2.—Alma Cummings, who gives her home as San Antonio, Texas, today claims the world's non-stop dancing record. Six young men wilted under the pace set by the girl, who fox-trotted, one stepped and waltzed twenty-seven hours without a halt.

2500 FEET OF FLUID MOSTLY OIL IN HOLE

The biggest "April Fool" prank played yesterday was regarding reports concerning the Humphreys-Welch number 2 wildcat test, West of Groesbeck and about twelve miles Southwest of Mexia. The joke was that it was not a joke, as many oil scouts and operators, as well as the public generally, who were told that the hole was filling up with oil, discredited the rumor on the supposition that someone was trying to "April Fool" them. Nevertheless, there were quite a few who "bit" and who went to see for "safety first" purposes, and because they are so interested in seeing new petroleum pools opened up in this section of Texas. Upon their return and especially this morning, the public realized that they were fooled Sunday in believing the true story to have been without foundation.

The Welch Number Two is now the chief topic of talk on the streets, despite the interest in municipal elections Tuesday.

It is an Humphreys test and has reached down to a depth of 3865 feet.

It is standing about 2500 feet in fluid, mostly oil. The most conservative report has had it 2100 instead of 2500 feet, but none deny that oil is coming up in the test. Some water is in the well but all seem to agree that it is not salt water and are encouraged accordingly. The casing has been set to a depth of 3400 feet, so about 465 feet of open hole exists and it is known that what water there is in it comes below the bottom of the 3400 feet of casing.

The gravity of the product shows 20.6 which is about the same grade as Snackover Heavy. Some operators point out that in many instances where a low gravity of oil is found production is in much greater quantities than in fields of lighter crude.

Some of the leading oil men, with whom the subject has been discussed are not overly optimistic or excited at all about the discovery, yet they believe that this is the forerunner of a real discovery in that territory and that a real pool will be opened at no distant date. They state that similar discoveries were made, on a lesser scale, in a test previously sent down in that vicinity. It will require a better showing to convince the conservative that a profitable or prolific pool will be penetrated there.

The drillers have had a fishing job for several weeks and it was known that until very recently there were three strings of tools in the hole—the last two being lost in fishing for the first ones dropped. It was this situation that caused many to discredit the rumor "April Fool's Day" and their hesitancy to accept the report was not due to any disposition on their part to minimize the geological reports that have been made regarding the district. Leading geologists here have pronounced the structure in that particular locality the best looking structure in this part of Texas. And as a result of these reports several of the large companies operating in the Mexia district have leased many hundreds of acres of land in that vicinity and between there and Thornton.

The Texas Company Stroud is now down around 800 feet.

TOM CAMPBELL FUNERAL AT PALESTINE HOME

GALVESTON, Tex., April 2.—The body of former Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell, of Palestine, who died here last night, was to be taken to Palestine today.

The former Governor, who had been ill at the John Seely Hospital here for nearly a year, became suddenly worse shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday and lapsed into a state of unconsciousness from which he never recovered.

Campbell suffered from an intestinal disorder.

"People who look for trouble never find it," said a friend.

Half Doz. Bandits Hold Up Governm't Mail Truck At St. L.

ST. LOUIS, April 2.—Six heavily armed bandits held up a Government mail truck here today and escaped with nine sacks of registered mail.

The robbers intercepted the truck, covered the driver and armed guard with revolvers, seized the mail sacks and dashed away in an automobile.

No estimate of the amount of money contained in the sacks had been made. The truck was carrying the heavy Easter week-end mail from the main postoffice to the Bridge branch postoffice in the heart of the commission house district near the water front.

Federal officials investigating the hold-up worked on the theory it was carried out by the same gang which robbed a mail truck at Springfield Sunday morning. One of the suspects captured at Springfield was a well known St. Louis police character.

The St. Louis hold-up was carried out in regulation "wild west" methods, used in the Springfield robbery.

Bringing their auto to a stop directly in front of the mail truck, the bandits leaped out, five of them holding sawed off shotguns, and the sixth leveling two heavy caliber revolvers at the driver and guards of the truck.

All of the bandits were masked with large handkerchiefs.

Working deliberately, three of the robbers transferred the mail sacks from the truck to the rear seat of their automobile.

The other bandits forced the chauffeur and guard from the seat of the truck and locked them in the iron cage from which they had taken the mail. They drove the truck down a narrow alley before driving away in their own automobile. The imprisoned men called vainly from their cage for half an hour before they were rescued by a passerby.

Germany Renews Talk for Peace

By CARL D. GROAT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
BERLIN, April 2.—Germany renewed talk of negotiations to end the Ruhr deadlock today following the outbreak of violence in the occupied areas over the week-end that cost twenty-two lives.

The Berlin press asks if it is not now time to put out more feelers to Paris and Brussels, suggesting the advantage lies with Germany.

What was going on in the troubled area around Essen could not be definitely determined today, communications with that storm center being interrupted. One of the last things known to have occurred is the arrest by the French of four general managers of the Krupp work where French troops Saturday killed nine German workers and wounded thirty with machine gun fire. The managers are charged with inciting the workers by ordering factory sirens sounded when a French patrol approached to requisition automobiles. A crowd menaced the troops, they reported, and they were forced to open fire.

Eleven were killed in a train wreck Saturday and two others were killed in fighting over the week-end.

Mingling with the popular outcry here that bloodshed in the Ruhr must cease, came indications today that the Cuno Government might try new peace maneuvers this week, based on the theory that Belgium at least is tiring of the adventure, and might be split from France if satisfactory offers were made.

Hints have been received here recently of the possibility that Belgium is "fed up" with the Ruhr show, Foreign Minister Jasper's view to Italy seemed to strengthen this view.

Light Airplanes May Be a Success

TOULOUSE, France, April 2.—Barbot, famous French aviator, made four flights here today in an airplane driven by a motor of only ten horsepower. On one flight he remained aloft at a height of 150 feet for 10 minutes.

In an interview after his flight, Barbot declared he used only half the power of his motor part of the time, and that he could fly with a five horsepower engine.

"I foresee an era of light airplanes

Election Exciting

The week starts off with many topics of interest.

There are the regular monthly bills; the developments in the wildcat test southwest; the activities at Powell, and the City Elections.

At first it seemed that little interest would be taken in the municipal elections scheduled for the first Tuesday in this month—tomorrow. In the past few hours, however, the event waxes warm and much interest is being shown especially in the races for the offices of Commissioners.

The candidates for commissioners are W. C. Wilson, John Corley, J. E. Bolton and Rex Forrest, two to be elected.

The candidates in the mayorality race are Ernest Watson, who is standing for reelection and Ben S. Smith.

There does not seem to be any two particular political line ups. Candidates J. E. Bolton and John Corley, however, Saturday came out with a joint statement regarding their attitude toward municipal affairs. The line up, however, does not include any particular one of the two candidates in the Mayor's race. Forrest and Wilson have not given any special reason for linking them up together in the race nor have they joined in any effort to elect any one of the two candidates for Mayor.

It is, therefore, undoubtedly true that the voters will go to the polls Tuesday not with any ticket in view but will vote for the men for commissioners and for the man for Mayor whom they consider will make the best officials for the Mexia of tomorrow.

To the outsider, it would seem that Corley and Bolton are both pronounced in their opposition to certain acts of the outgoing commissioners; favor conservatism and a reduction of taxes, while Forrest and Wilson have confined their pledges to the statements that they favor intelligent, economical and efficient administration of city affairs with the elimination of all useless expenditures. Neither of the latter have, however, linked their names together in these statements and it is likely true that many will vote for either one of the two of them, and either one of the two of the first mentioned, while similar variance in choice will result in the selection of the next Mayor.

A heavy vote is predicted.

Williamson County Man Kidnapped And Whipped by Unmasked Men Sun.

TAYLOR, Texas, April 2.—R. W. Burleson of Wear, a village near here, is in a serious condition at a local hospital as the result of a severe flogging given him by a band of kidnappers yesterday. Burleson, who represents a hosiery concern here, was taken from a car in which he was riding with some friends near Wear, spirited to a point on the Gabriel river

Easter Accidents Result in Death Of Twenty Two Persons Sunday

DALLAS, April 2.—Twenty-two persons were killed and nearly two hundred injured in Easter accidents throughout the country, according to a survey today by the United Press. Ash-

land, Ky., led the casualty list with six dead and four injured. Five met death when a machine was crushed by a train. Six were killed in an auto collision. Detroit was next with four dead. Two were killed in Athens, Ga.

Former Mexia Man Killed In Wreck Sunday

H. I. Smith, proprietor of the Palace theater at Wortham, was accidentally killed Sunday afternoon, just out of Corsicana when the automobile in which he was riding capsized. Robert Nunn of this city, who was with him and driving the car at the time, escaped practically uninjured. Mr. Nunn left here Saturday to go to Corsicana and to the Powell field and when he reached Wortham was joined by Mr. Smith who accompanied him on the trip. It was when they were returning home that the tragedy occurred in which the Wortham citizen was killed. The car, on the smooth highway while near the Magnolia station, on the outskirts of Corsicana, was moving rapidly when another car was met, it is understood. In passing the car in which Mr. Smith and Mr. Nunn were riding swerved and turned completely over, righting itself on its wheels again. Mr. Smith was hurled to Corsicana but died almost instantly. Mr. Nunn came home later and is much distressed it is learned over the unfortunate incident. He received only a few minor bruises on the hand and head.

Mr. Smith formerly resided here and has been in Wortham only a few months.

That will cost only a few hundred dollars," the French aviator said.

"With development of parachutes, these planes will be as safe and easy to run as a bicycle."

Gibbons is the third member of the gang to be convicted. Several others will be tried later.

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Blanches Walker with Marshall Walker Co. at the Opera House this week.

Outgoing City Commissioners Issue Statement Regarding Administration

So far, we have taken no active part in the forthcoming City Election, other than what should be taken by any citizen or voter, who is interested in the future welfare of our fair City, nor had we intended to write anything until asked by The News to submit facts for publication as taken from the records. And in view of the fact that our administration has been attacked by some of the candidates, running for City Commission to succeed us; some statements having been made by these are untrue, and these statements having been printed in circular form, in The News, and distributed, promiscuously, last Saturday, we are submitting this article for publication. Hoping that with the facts you will be in a better position to cast your vote for the men you wish to handle the affairs of the City for the next two years.

Frankly, we are not as much ashamed of the manner in which we have handled the town's business, as some other citizens. In fact, we hope that in future years our administration will be pointed to with pride, by those who know the conditions under which we labored throughout the latter part of 1921 and the first part of 1922.

As to salaries paid to our City Attorney or City Manager, or anyone else, we have no apologies to make, and, as business men and tax payers, we would do the same thing again, under like circumstances. In the first place, the City Attorney nor the City Manager have never been paid Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per month, and we know no reason why such a statement should have been made, as the facts as to salaries paid have been published in a detailed statement, made only a few weeks ago, and a matter of record at the City Hall that is available to any citizen of the town.

At the time these contracts were made, as most of you know, conditions were entirely different to what they are now. The contracts were made for one year and are just now expiring.

We note, too, that the publishers of this circular endorse our present Chamber of Commerce, and its officials, and we are glad they do, for we have been supporters of the Chamber of Commerce ever since it has been organized. However, if we are not satisfied, the Secretary of that organization has the same salary as our City Attorney and City Manager, and, even though he is making no effort to do the work, and are helping pay his salary, we do think the work that has been done by Major C. J. Machen, and City Attorney, and Geo. W. Perkins, is of much importance and worth as much to the City as the work of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has ever been or ever will be.

It has also been shown in a published statement that had our City Attorney been on the fee basis, as has always been the custom up until the time we made the trade with Major Machen, he would have always received for his services more than \$8,000, and then would have been under no obligations to do the civil work for the City, in connection with the various bond issues that have been submitted and carried by the voters of Mexia, during our administration, and which would have cost the City hundreds of dollars on the outside. You will, therefore, see that, in addition to the extra services he has rendered to the City, he has turned into the City's General Fund more than \$3,000 in fees than he has received in salary. Right here, we also want to say that some time ago, Major Machen recommended to the City Council that owing to the present peaceful conditions that now exist here, the services of a full paid City Attorney would not be needed another year.

At the time we employed Geo. W. Perkins, and here we want to say he did not seek the place, we did so because of his peculiar qualifications for that place, acquired by about ten

City Water and Sewerage Systems Show Profit to City Since They Became Properties of Municipality

City Water Superintendent R. D. Morgan, who is also City Engineer for Mexia, under date of April 1, 1923, made the following report for the month of March, showing the City Water and Sewerage Departments are operating at a profit, while expansions and extensions are being made, adding to the assets of the departments. The capital expenditures, Engineer Morgan explains, are for improvements that become permanent and are to be added to the assets of the city.

The March statement is in line with former statements made, which have likewise shown a profit since the property has become municipally owned, controlled and managed, a few months ago.

Since the city purchased the water-works, reference to the records show that Mexia has not been without water a single day.

STATEMENT

Mexia Water & Sewer Department.
April 1, 1923

Capital Expenditures	
General Office	\$ 171.50
Stores	80.06
Construction	251.55
Reservoirs and Dams	17.19
Manis and accessories	294.96
Maintenance	1012.15
General Trucks	135.30
Construction Reservoirs and Dams	2.50
Labor	253.50
Water Dept. Operation	256.00
Pay Rolls	995.25
Motive Power	1198.00
Lubricants	24.16
Freight and Express	33.63
Light and heat	7.94

Telephone and telegraph 10.50
Gas and oil 35.11
Sundry 15.35

Undistributed 2339.83

Administrative 425.00
Salaries (water & sewer) 75.15
Printing and stationery 35.00
Postage and advertising 54.85

Sundry 590.00

General Rebate 53.20

Sewer Department Capital 627.26
Maine 243.53

Septic Tanks 875.79

Maintenance Septic Tanks 110.50
Filter beds 50.00

Operation Labor 140.80

Total 5816.12

Current water 3359.44
Del. water 124.36
Meter department 285.00
Sundry 13.90
Current Sewer 697.25
Del. Sewer 6.00
Sundry 4.25
Taps and connections 30.00
Sundry 306.75

Total 5130.94

Less Abatements 7.20

Total 5123.70

Balance March 1 3099.38
Collection, March 5123.70

Total 8223.08

Less Checks 5815.12
Book Balance 2407.96

credit for being."

McTigue was only considered fair when he was around here before. He was a tapper and a dancer and he couldn't get work because he wasn't a card. He is still a tapper and a dancer, but he may be more of a card now because he has the phony title hanging on him.

That light-heavyweight championship has had a hectic experience in the last three years, and it has been in a variety of hands. Battling Levinsky, a Jew, held it until Georges Carpentier cracked him on the jaw. Battling Siki, a Senegalese, took it away from Carpentier and passed it on to McTigue, an Irishman. If Pancho Villa should take on a lot of flesh, he might be able to make the racial circle more complete.

Herry Greb, Pancho Villa, and Mike O'Dowd are with Siki as ex-champions of the year. It was predicted that 1923 would be a bad year for the champs, and the prophets are making good. Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Wilson and Joe Lynch can help along in making the doping 100 per cent, and they will make it that way, if they'll take anything but setups.

Commissioner Roy Haynes says that the number of men sent to the workhouses in Ohio last year was 10,000 less than for the last year of the open season, that there was a decrease of 20 per cent in the number of orphan children sent to state homes, that drunkenness has fallen from 38,500 in 1918 to 17,655 in 1922.

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Texas University Baseball Team Meets Daniel Baker Two Games

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—With rain and cold having forced the cancellation of both games scheduled against Southwestern University during the past week, the University of Texas Longhorn baseball team will play its first collegiate games of the season here today and Tuesday against the Daniel Baker College nine. The rain and cold prevented Coach "Billy" Diech from working his diamond candidates much in practice during the past week, and he expects his nine to suffer from partial loss of their "batting eyes" during the opening innings of the Daniel Baker series, because the Orange batters haven't been able to set up to the plate and look 'em over this week. As the Monday and Tuesday games against the Pirates were cancelled, the April 30 game at Georgetown between the Longhorns and Southwestern University nine will probably be the only meeting of the year between the two ancient baseball rivals.

The Longhorns open their Southwestern Conference race Friday and Saturday, April 6, and 7, against the snappy Rice Institute team. Rice is led by "Feg" Melton, a most effective Southwestern conference pitcher, and reports from Houston credit the Owls with a strong lineup. Coach Diech will devote all his training during the coming week to getting his Longhorns in shape for these opening Southwestern conference tilts, for the race this season promises to be unusually close, and a couple of early season defeats would go hard with the Longhorns' slim chance of coping the championship for the twelfth consecutive time.

On April 9 the Longhorns meet Trinity University here in a non-conference game and April 13 and 14 Texas A. & M. Aggies diamond squad will be here for a couple of Southwestern conference games.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs meets in Atlanta, Georgia, May 14 to 17th. The most important question which could come before these important women is the question of preserving and enforcing prohibition.

One of the prominent taxicab companies of the country has found its liabilities for personal damage only 37.8 per cent of what they were before prohibition.

Lady Astor addressed the National Council of Free Churches on temperance reform in the latter part of February at Bristol, England.

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Great Ocean Liners Now Have Real Modern Hospitals Aboard



Child receiving surgical treatment aboard the Conte Rosso

NOWADAYS hospitals on board ship are often found most scientifically equipped. Surgical and medical service is no longer a mere matter of first aid, for delicate operations are performed as in the leading hospitals ashore. There are separate wards for men and for women, consulting rooms, prescription room, operating room and isolation ward all of immaculate cleanliness and with perfect ventilation.

A recent incident which shows the value of these floating hospitals occurred when an American seaman on the Eastern King, a Shipping Board freighter, was transferred on the high sea in a critical condition to the fact that the liner Conte Rosso, enroute from the Mediterranean, which was summoned by S.O.S. in thanking

Col. Dr. M. Sorrali, American representative of the Lloyd Sabaudino, owners of the Conte Rosso, W. J. Lewis, vice-president of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, states:

"I have been requested by the Chairman of the United States Shipping Board and the Trustees of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, owners of the Eastern King, to convey through you to the master of the Conte Rosso Captain Cav. Uff. Fulvio Cignoni and her surgeon, Dr. Giovanni Valenza, their deep appreciation of the humanitarian services rendered by these gentlemen to a member of the crew of our Eastern King, and to further compliment the master of the Conte Rosso on his splendid seamanship and willing co-operation."

Boundless Enthusiasm and Energy Of Mexia Citizens an Outstanding Virtue in Life of the Community

At the "Salon Club" on Wednesday, April 3, of the State Auto Supply Company, delivered the following address on "What I Like and What I Don't Like About Mexico."

"Mr. President and Fellow Citizens: What I like and what I don't like about my home town is a very popular subject. I have only one thing to say about it, but in a very different way than you have doubtless noticed that one of the latest daily publications of the State is devoting considerable space to a series of articles dealing with the subject and exploiting the home town of the writer."

"I have read several of these articles, and have been struck by the manner in which each stresses the things that are good about his town in fact you could take any one of these articles and have read about changing names and, to any town or city in these United States and why not? For it is a trait of Americanism to love and cherish and see no evil in that place or section we call home."

"It is not the usual things found in most towns of our size that give me material for a discussion of these things I like about Mexia but in making this statement I do not deny our usual city virtues, begetten by a spirit of loyalty to our God, our country, and our homes, and without which no city could exist even if endowed with ten times the resources of one of the largest oil fields yet discovered. It goes without saying that we as a city are indebted to the development of our oil resources for a greater part of our recent growth and with no effort on our part there will be a further growth in direct proportion to the advancement of the oil industry but Mexia if you please, is not content to face the future as purely the child of a natural resource, but is continually reaching out for industrial enterprises, the obtaining of which will place her upon a solid rock foundation and guarantee her future as a city. It is the purpose of this policy that I like best about Mexia. Show me any town similarly situated that will produce one-tenth the energy and enthusiasm for a worthy project in industry or civic that has been accorded every movement of such kind by Mexia."

"It is the Mexia spirit of confidence in the boundless energy of her people and their ability to look upon their fortunes without wavering from their determination to make a city that soon instills in the new-comer the feeling that in addition to the usual city virtues before mentioned Mexia has something to offer better and greater than just an average town in which to do business."

"I am aware that there is room for improvement, an opportunity for a closer knitting of individual interests for the general good of all but these things are not material for an intelligent discussion of things I don't like, for with the forward march of progress in any city personal interests are soon laid aside and forgotten in the daily practice of co-operation and co-ordination, and such will be our experience."

"Even in touching upon what some might term the shortcomings of Mexia I am reminded of a story told to me a good many years ago. Two white winos or street cleaners, during the noon hour were sitting upon the curb in a city street discussing the sudden death of a fellow worker and for several minutes they were occupied in general praise of the late departed as a worker and fellowman. After having repeated all of his many good traits there was a silence of several minutes each apparently deep in thought and then one spoke. 'Yes Bill was the best man I ever knew but George don't you think he was just a little weak when working around the corners?'"

"Gentlemen, Mexia is not weak around the corners or in the blocks either and I like to look forward to the golden opportunity of working and living in a town that isn't weak around the corners."

"I thank you."

They Like Fletcher In South America

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 2.—The welcome accorded to Henry P. Fletcher, head of the American delegation of the Pan-American conference, and his associates who are here to attend the sessions which opened here March 25 attests to the high esteem in which Fletcher is held by the Chileans and to his popularity in this country.

While it might be going too far to state that an American diplomat is a "chilophile" or a "phile" of any sort, the Chilean people entertain the sincere belief that Fletcher has a keen sympathetic understanding of their aims and interests, and his appointment to lead the American delegates was enthusiastically received here.

While it was considered that the popularity of Fletcher must have had some bearing in his selection, those interested in conference events are pleased that the chief American delegate is one who not only possesses a wide knowledge of Latin-American affairs through years of residence and diplomatic service, but that he has a perfect command of Spanish.

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, director-general of the Pan-American Union another American delegate, and probably one of the most experts American where South American affairs is concerned, is also well known and popular in Chile while the other American delegates are at least known here by reputation for their achievements at home.

CHILDHOOD JOYS IN 'THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH'

"The children coming home from school looked in at the open door." Among the most beautiful scenes in the latest William Fox production, "The Village Blacksmith," based on Longfellow's immortal poem, are the ones which are illustrative of the above lines of the famous poet's song. It isn't a far cry to the days of our boyhood and girlhood. Some can easily remember the days when we, too, stopped at the door of the blacksmith shop and watched the smithy at work. How we were fascinated by the sparks which flew from the anvil as the blacksmith struck blow after blow upon the white hot iron! Those were the precious days of our childhood days.

Now, sitting secure against the wintry winds and the summer showers, we think back to the days when we tramped off to school in the mornings through rain, sleet or snow, and how we wished we were grown up men and women so that we could stay at home by the warm fireside.

It was thoughts of these days that prompted Jack Ford, who produced the new Fox picture, to pay particular attention to the childhood episodes in the early part of the production. The remarkable acting of the child actors in these scenes will bring everyone back in dreams to their kid days.

"The Village Blacksmith" has been proclaimed one of the most human motion pictures of the decade.

"Swat the late and early fly, and there won't be any by and by," Clean Up Week, April 2-8.

"The season of closed windows is followed by the season of open graves," Clean Up Week, April 2-8.



THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH—WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

Mexia Maintains Large Automobile Cylinder Re-grinding Plant Here

In his daily rounds of becoming acquainted with the many new business enterprises in Mexia, a representative of The News was shown through the plant of the Stuart Modern Grinding Company, located at 107 N. McKinney Street one day last week and found the business of automobile cylinder grinding interesting indeed and a business that is little known by the average motorist.

"No one knows so little about cylinder re-grinding as the average motor owner," said Mr. Stuart. "Many of the repair men advocate it, but to the owner it still means an unnecessary operation. It is, however, so vitally important in helping the engine to function properly that careful thought and study should be given it by every driver."

"To have the motor run properly it is essential that the cylinders do not vary more than a .001 degree as to roundness, and the hole must be straight and absolutely square with the base of the cylinders. Otherwise there will be a noticeable loss of power and pep and excessive use of gas and oil. Out-of-round cylinders also cause piston slap, continual fouling of spark plugs and general troubles of all kinds. When the average motorist finds his car in this condition a visit to the repair shop or garage is made and quite often large sums spent for general overhauls only to find his motor in the same condition when again put up."

It is for this class of motor troubles that we have installed a big factory type cylinder regrounding and, by the way, there is not another town in Texas twice the population of Mexia who can boast of such a machine, in fact they are only found at this time in Dallas, Waco, Houston, and San Antonio, which indicates our faith in Mexia.

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Vast Hidden Treasure In Old Mexico Hills

BY FREDERICK G. NEUMEIE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
MEXICO CITY.—Americans are prying into the mysteries of "Treasure Mountain."

High up in the Sierra Madre mountains, near the village of Cruz de Piedra, in the State of Mexico, Indians say is buried a large amount of gold and silver—treasure of brigands.

It is believed the treasure, if it exists, was stolen many years ago when gold and silver was carted overland from the Pacific Coast to Mexico City. It may be pirate gold, some say.

Headed by Adolfo Sandoval, the little group of Americans and Mexicans have begun efforts to find the missing treasure.

For many years Indians have told stories of the treasure hidden on top of the mountains, but these were believed to be legendary tales, until a few months ago when an old Indian attempted to cash a gold bar at a bank in a nearby city. The banker saw that the gold bar was not the kind now made and called in the police.

The old Indian told of the treasure which he said was enough to pay off the national debt of Mexico. He claimed that the story of the treasure was passed on to him by his father.

The Indian then led a group of officials on a hunt for the treasure. He told them to start digging at a certain point until they reached an underground marking stone. This they did and the stone was found. Then he told them to dig until they found a cross and the bones of two Indians who, he said, were killed by his father when he sealed the cave in which the treasure was placed. This was done and the bones were found.

But—and here the mystery deepens, the next morning the Indian had disappeared and, according to the story, has not been seen since. Attempts were made to find the treasure, but of no avail.

Sandoval and his small group of adventurers, however, believe that the old Indian's tale is true and they are prying into the mysteries of the "Treasure Mountain."

On account of the alarming increase in the use of rat poison for committing suicide, Japanese police and health authorities are seeking a poison which will kill the rodent pests and yet be harmless to human beings.

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LEARN FROM SHERLOCK HOLMES
LONDON.—Sherlock Holmes hasn't a leg to stand on when he yawns about the lack of respect he gets at the hands of Scotland Yard. Officials of the famous police headquarters are attending the film version of Holmes, which stars John Barrymore. They take their notebooks with them and claim to be getting first class tips on how to capture criminals.

DID YOU KNOW THAT
Human speech calls for the exercise of 44 different muscles.
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The area of Texas is more than double that of England, Scotland and Ireland combined.
The finger nails of a sick or ill-fed person do not grow as quickly as those of healthy people.

NEW ORLEANS.—Bob Meusel's triple drove in the run that beat Babe Ruth's team, 2 to 1, in an inter-family struggle of the New York Yanks. The Babe played first and didn't get a hit.

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CALMNESS PUTS OVER THE BIG IDEA

Do you get excited when you become intensely interested? Enthusiasm is essential to success but not the variety of enthusiasm which causes a person to talk rapidly, wholly without the balance wheel of practical thought.

The kind of enthusiasm which really counts is the sort which permits of perfect control of the emotions yet is sufficiently strong to permit of full concentration on the subject.

There are persons with hobbies who cannot talk about them without getting wrought up to high tension so that they do little besides jabber.

So aroused they become that they give little heed, and no sound consideration, to what any other person may say.

When a man or a woman is discussing something particularly interesting to themselves and their eyes take on an excited expression, the face flushes, body becomes tense and the fingers work convulsively, there is a failure to create a favorable impression upon those with whom they speak.

It is the calm, sincere, thinking person who can put over a big idea.

The Groesbeck Journal says: "The fellow who made the memorable speech in the Arkansas Legislature opposing the changing of the name of Arkansas has descendants living in Groesbeck who oppose every progressive movement."

If they use the same sort of language that the Arkansas solon used we will have to refrain from printing their remarks because this is a home paper.

"WHILE OTHERS SLEEP"

FISHING TIME

Somehow old summer's swells'ring heat

Just makes us lazy as can be

We long to find some cool retreat

Where drop will come to mercury;

We mop our brow that's humid steam

"No sun pours down a hundred-three

And puff and blow and think and dream

Of streamlet's verge neath shady tree.

Eight or nine to peep of moon

And sweat the long day thru

On's chopped in month of June

There's nothing else a boy can do

But stare and yawn with head dis-

And 'till of when chill winter blow

For August time's the month of rest

Of love and dreams and labors few.

But sometimes joys come in disguise

Its like the bitter in the sweet

We oft have won the treasured prize

When heart was crushed with sad defeat;

So those old dog-days hath some charm

Tho' eyes are blur'd with dancing heat

The crops laid by down on the farm

The barn is full of corn and wheat.

When August comes in quivering glow

And across the brow with sunny

brine

Its time to set your grubbing hoe

And search the lot for red-worm

sign

For fishing's great down in the stream

And there the air is fresh and fine

You'll get a taste of life's sweet dream

With hook and pole and linen line.

Just take your pole and can of worms

And seek some cool, sequestered

nook

Where some tall weeping willow forms

Its canopy o'er babbling brook;

Now spread yourself in that nice

place

That place Old Sol long since for-

sook

And ere thy line can make its trace

A speckled trout has got your hook.

Out in the stream he makes a run

And now he darts back to the banks

The heat's forgot now with the fun

Of that trim beauty's lightning

pranks;

Out shoots his head in proud disdain

Now with his tail the bottom spansks

And when you reel him back again

His rapid glide your movement

flanks.

But soon he spends his magic force

And now you land him safe a-shore

This Marathon of streamlet's course

No more will dash its breakers o'er;

With this big trout on your fish-line

Spit on your bait a little more

Instead of one you'll soon have nine

Before the day you've got a score.

In that bright realm where thoughts

enhance

The pleasures of those days of old

When memory's vault its stores ad-

vance

The half that's never yet been told;

We'll sit beside that rippling stream

Beneath the weeping willow's fold

And watch the sun in spectral beam

Bedeck its tide with flecks of gold.

Ten thousand birds in sweet refrain

Bids welcome to that rippling stream

Old Sol may perch the cooling plain

But there he's lost his scorching

gleam;

'Tis there we find that balmy breeze

That cools the brow that's humid

steam

And brings to life its joy and ease

And pictures real our sweetest

dream.

The rippling stream whose gentle flow

Chants on and on thy mystic rhyme

Where pinks and fragrant daisies grow

And paints thy dells in art sublime;

To thy dear sports and menthyl shades

Our thought are turned in August

time.

Thy scenes from memory never fade

Thou sweet recluse from sunburnt

clime.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. HULL

WITHOUT COMMENT

Oklahoma courts are improving. One has just held that an oil company can not drill for oil in a cemetery located in the Tonkawa oil field. It sometimes occurs that the cupid of man overreaches itself.—Terrell Transcript.

St. Louis is highly encouraged over the reports of prosperity in the South. As a great distributing center, that city will benefit from the improving conditions. But St. Louis should not forget that she has formidable rivals for the trade of the South now. Memphis, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth and Shreveport are attracting much of the trade that in former days has gone to St. Louis. These cities are growing at a tremendous rate, and each year adds to their importance as commercial centers. A matter of fact, in many respects, the trade territory of St. Louis is being steadily encroached upon by the cities of the South.—Terrell Transcript.

Harding's administration is being explained by some of the mystic things that have happened under their administration. Such as the recent advance in sugar and the several other necessities protected by their iniquitous tariff.—Mineral Wells Index.

Somebody wants Jerusalem made the seat of the League of Nations. Well it could be done without increasing the Jerusalem insurance rates. The league isn't getting anything on fire.—Bonham News.

"If boys hate school," asks Collier of the Globe-Democrat, "what's the matter with it?" It means that the boy is all right and the school is all right. If the boy loves school, both should be carefully investigated. Something must be wrong with one or both.—Geo. Bailey in Houston Post.

The Dallas News gives space to a religious discussion, the basis for which is laid in the baptism of two penitents, both by immersion. One was baptized by a Baptist preacher and the other a Methodist preacher, and the group up to be a Baptist and the other a Methodist. What appeared to both the disputants in the argument referred to was that while both men were converted by the same God, they grew up in opposing beliefs. This question does not bother us at all. The different churches are all railroads professing to take their passengers to the same place. Some of us like the Baptist equipment and rolling stock best, and some the Methodist, the Presbyterian, the Christian and so on. But if they take us all to the same goal, what's the use of quibbling over these details of equipment? They all strike a hot box once in a while and once a washout occasionally. "Jordan and a hard road to trouble" over any line.—Terrell Transcript.

And now they say that within a short time we will be seeing by wire-photos. We have seen this demonstrated already. After a fellow has had a few shots of hooch that is now being made he can see the whole African jungle in

one glimpse. And about one glimpse is all he wants.—Groesbeck Journal.

Of course it may not be important, but sometimes we wonder how the blind kitten finds its filling station.—Snap Shots.

The negro Roy Mitchell was given three death penalties inside of ten days and is likely to receive two more before this week is out. Of course, the higher courts are going to have their whack at these cases, and there is no telling what they are going to do with them but if only one is affirmed, Mitchell will get all that the law can do to him, and that is not anywhere near the punishment he deserves.—Riesel Rustler.

The Editor's Chair

A lawyer charges \$10 for ten minutes' conversation—the man insists on paying it. A doctor charges \$1 for a prescription and the patient says, "Oh, puhaw—is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100 and he is just perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or a wedding or a social function and spends three hours in writing it and tells lies and praises people till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant error or charges 5 cents straight for three extra papers he is a stingy cuss who never gets anything right and charges twice as large. In short, he is a confounded most-any-old thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man! How would you like to run a newspaper?—Exchange.

Abolition Of Fees
Nets City \$1,424.13
In Two Offices Here

The following is a statement from the City Clerk's office issued, as of date, April 1, regarding the disbursements for the salaries of City Manager George W. Perkins and of City Attorney Chester H. Machen, and also of the fees paid in by them as Corporation Judge and City Attorney respectively during the past thirteen months:

12 months at \$416.67.....\$5,418.71

12 months at \$425.87.....\$5,418.71

Total.....\$10,837.42

Fees for 18 months at \$1.70 \$3,445.05

Fees for 18 months at \$5.00 \$9,816.50

Total.....\$12,261.55

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Salaries.....\$1,424.13

Total.....\$10,837.42

CORSICANA.—Herschel I. Smith, theatre proprietor of Wortham, near here, was killed when his automobile turned turtle near here late yesterday.

DENISON.—Homer Overturf, 24, was found dead on the back porch of his parents' home here. A pistol lay near his body. His failure to marry a girl to whom he had been engaged caused him to commit suicide, according to his father's belief.

DALLAS.—Mrs. J. G. Smythe, 27, died at a hospital here last night from burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open gas stove.

DENISON.—Godwin L. Blackford, president of the State National bank here, died at his home yesterday afternoon as he was seated at the dining table preparing to eat. Blackford had extensive interest, being vice-president of the K. O. & G. railroad, owner of a large racing stable and stockholder in several coal companies.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

BACK TO THE OLD VILLAGE

—JOE BAPPINGTON

A few days ago I stopped at the little village where thirty odd years ago I was a clerk in one of its stores. Times has wrought many changes in that little town and few indeed of the old landmarks have escaped its ravaging hands. The old store building where I clerked is still standing, but no longer occupied and the stranger passing through would give it but a fleeting glance. But to me, that old building now almost in ruins, is very dear, and the very sight of it stirred emotions within my breast gloriously sad and melancholy.

When I looked at the few remaining familiar scenes of a generation ago, tears came to my eyes. There stood in lonely grandeur Buck Dawson's old blacksmith shop, where we used to pitch horse shoes, discuss politics and religion and look at Buck's latest railroad chart he had marked on the wall with charcoal, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that the village was situated at the very point where at least three imaginary railroads converged. Then there was the old hitching rack leaning at half mast, that brought to memory the time Zack Hodge's mule became violently ill and the heroic remedies employed to save his life, but in spite of the combined efforts of the forty odd horse doctors present, the mule passed away.

Nothing but the ruins of the chimney remains to show where the old school house had stood. It was there one night at a railroad meeting that old Cap Foster and Uncle Mart Blewins disagreed as to the location of the depot of Buck's mythical railroads that was making a bee line for the village. Uncle Mart and old Cap owned farms on opposite sides adjoining the village and each wanted the depot located on his land. Old Cap it seems had taken time by the forelock by setting aside the ground for the depot and staking off the rest of his land into town lots which fact he boldly revealed that night in a speech. However, before he had concluded his remarks Uncle Mart was on his feet, and with clinched fists denounced old Cap in the severest terms and among other things called him a "darned old hog." "I've stood that darned old hog as long as I can," shouted Uncle Mart, "and I'm going to see to it that he don't manipulate this here railroad that's comin' here this time." It took nearly every able-bodied man present to hold the belligerents apart, and the meeting closed in wildest confusion.

But amidst these pleasant reveries came the thought that I was a stranger in the village where a generation ago I knew everybody and his dog. Not only the faces were strange, but the names had not a familiar sound, and to make matters worse, no one with whom I talked seemed to have the least interest in the pioneer of the old village, not even except myself. Surely I thought, everyone had heard of the fight that had took place not more than thirty five years ago between Del Jenkins and Bill Spance, over the proper mode of baptism but when I relate the circumstances they all laughed in a mirthless sort of way and said they had never heard of it before. Then I told of the romance of Tom Douglass and Lucy Howard had taken place in that village the year Grover Cleveland was first elected president. Told how Tom had dashed up on his fiery steed and rushing into the house clasped Lucy in his arms just

before the fatal words were spoken that would make her the lawful wedded wife of his rival whom her father was forcing her to marry, and placing her behind him on his steed went with the speed of the wind, with her father and several of his hired men in hot pursuit, but succeeded in reaching the house of a minister who pronounced them man and wife, just as their pursuers burst in at the door. And to think not a solitary cuss in that village had ever heard of the romantic marriage of Tom Douglass and Lucy Howard. One of the listeners wanted to know what picture show I got that story from, which goes to show what little respect the young people of this generation have for their elders.

WE MUST NOT FORGET

SOME CREDIT IS DUE HIM
WHO LOVES FOR HIS COUNTRY
By Justice F. E. Thompson, Illinois
Supreme Court

In contrast to the men of learning and vision and high principle of the early years of our national life we now find infesting the halls of congress and polluting other high places, counterfeit patriots, demagogues and hypocrites. In my opinion, the greatest menace to the continuance of popular government is this particular variety of varmint. He is the curse of both political parties and is found in every department of our government, local, state and national.

There is just one remedy for this evil, and that is that every citizen become a politician. We have too many political slackers in this country, too many voters suffering from dry rot. We hear too often of the individual who is successful in his private business, but who is too busy to give any time to the business of the government.

It is glorious to die for one's country and all praises to him who makes the supreme sacrifice. But in our praise for the dead we must not forget that some credit is due him who lives for his country. Unless more people begin to live for their country they will soon have none for which to die.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES

NEW ORLEANS.—Vance and Schreiber, Brooklyn pitchers, fanned Babe Ruth three times and got him twice on infield chances while the Robins were beating the Yanks 5 to 2.

HOT SPRINGS.—The pirate slug-gers got 16 hits, for a total of 25 bases but Calson weakened and the Red Sox won, 10 to 9.

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Manager Cobb will send his Detroit Tigers to bat against the Toronto Internationals today. The team was idle yesterday.

LAKELAND.—Two more games are to be played by Speaker's tribe before they break camp for the trip north. Today they meet the Lakeland State cLaguers in a benefit game and Tuesday the Boston Braves at Petersburg.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Chicago Cubs are enroute to El Paso today and will play there Tuesday. The Cubs lost two games here yesterday as a farewell to the Pacific Coast.

WACO.—A pitching duel between Appleton and Bryan on the side of

the Steers and O. Hill. R. Hill and Schmid for the Waco Indians, of the Texas Association here yesterday resulted in a 1 to 0 victory for the Dallas team.

SHERMAN.—Under the chaperonage of Snipe Conley, another division of the Dallas Steers invaded Sherman yesterday and defeated the Sherman Red Sox 8 to 6. Swartz and Davenport hurled for the invaders.

WICHITA FALLS.—Wichita Falls took the last game of the series from the Tulsa Oilers. Wheeler and Davenport hurled the Spudders into a 7 to 4 victory.

CORSICANA.—Arguio and Edgar, hurling for the Gumbo Busters of the Texas Association, allowed no man of the Dallas Cotton Exchange ball team to reach second base in a one-sided fence busting contest here yesterday. The score was 10 to 0.

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Marshall Walker

Letters from People

SUB-IRRIGATION

Times and methods of farming have changed so much from what they used to be that some method of cultivating the soil will have to be put forward to make agriculture more attractive to the growing generation. The old plan of farming is fast becoming an eyesore to the young generation that they naturally look to some more interesting pursuits in life. The profits from the soil have vanished until the average youngster can only see failure in farming. Intensive farming will have to be the slogan if this country expects to go ahead and become a self-supporting one. That the ground does not produce as much as it used to cannot be denied, and there is a reason for this. Agriculture has had to get along the best it could under any and every condition put upon it in this rush for supremacy in this living world. To destroy agriculture would be a fatal calamity to this Nation or any other Nation as to that, and much of our present distress can be laid to the lack of fostering and encouraging this branch of our industry. That the lack of moisture has had a great deal to do with this discouragement cannot be denied, and once discouraged it is hard to get people to see any thing but failure in whatever they undertake to do.

Sub-irrigation and fertilization is the only true method that the soil can be brought back to its high state of cultivation and many are the successful efforts of this system. We only have to look about a bit to prove this and read the Agricultural papers.

Many people hold up their hands in horror when we talk of sub-irrigating other than level land. Some of the most successful sub-irrigated tracts of land are far from being level. Any ground, no matter how uneven, has a contour or level line running through it that very porous pipes made of cement and sand could be laid and convey water to any part of the tract. This is done by selecting the highest point of the ground for the level of supply and running pipes to a level to a point where it will be desirable to change the course and then dropping down to lower level until the land has been covered at such distances as the soil will allow percolation from the pipes to feed the crops. By actual practice these distances have been as follows:

For black waxy soil nine feet apart has been found successful. For a more sandy alluvial soil eleven feet and for a loess soil very alluvial thirteen feet have been found successful. The state of the soil has quite a bit to do with the success of the plant, and it would be money well spent to have a soil expert examine the soil and give information as to the distances the pipes should be laid. There is another important feature to a sub-irrigated field that does not lie level and this is: when it is desired to drop from one level to another trap should be placed at the highest level to prevent the water from being wasted. When the top row is tilted the water overflows to the next level and so on to the last level thus leaving all the pipes full of water to do its work. There have been some failures because of not placing this trap in the lines when the ground was not level enough to let the water flow and stand in all of them.

The amount of water necessary for sub-irrigation is about one fifth of the top or open ditch irrigation. There are very few farms that could not afford water, as it is not necessary to keep the water flowing continually into the pipes. In very dry times about twice a week is ample and after the pipes are filled there is plenty of time to regenerate the water supply. On level ground there should be a drainage provided as an attraction for the water as it will flow much better if the air can be expelled from the pipes and give it free access. One little system in operation will provide plenty of education and the more study the better results are obtained.

The size of the concrete pipes should be about three inches inside measurement and should be made as dry as the cement and sand will congeal and become hard enough to remove from the mold. This is for the purpose of making the pipes as porous as it is thought to be necessary. These pipes should be laid about

fourteen inches under the ground from their tops so as not to disturb them while cultivating. They should be laid level on each line and cemented at the joints to hold them in place. Enough water will go through the pipes to feed the vegetation without leaving the joints without cementing. These pipes can be made at odd spools by taking a piece of two and one half inch gas pipe and a five inch stove pipe for the molds, and placing them on a smooth surface, tamping the aggregate lightly and removing the core or gas pipe before the cement sets too firmly, then set the form away until it becomes hard enough to handle. Two cores and two dozen outer forms will keep anyone busy all day making the pipes. The outer form is not grooved but held in place by wire rings that can be removed when the cement is hard enough to handle.

The cost of sub-irrigation varies according to what process of making and laying the pipes is adopted and runs from \$100 to \$175 per acre. One party in conversation with the writer says: "Lor-a-mercy", that's more than my land cost." What if it is? If you can spend one hundred dollars per acre on your land and make it worth seven or eight hundred dollars, as has been the case, is the expense worth it to say nothing of a sure crop and a larger crop every year no matter how dry. If two bales of cotton can be raised on an acre instead of one fourth bale and, sometimes not that much you could make ten acres do what you are trying to do with 90 acres now and would not have to work as hard. In other words more ground could be put into pasture and more stock raised on each farm and could be done so much easier than the old way of doing things. A few miles could be raised and you would not have to go to Missouri for your mules but, could sell some to your neighbors.

That some system of farming much different from the present system must be put in operation in this Sun-ny South cannot be denied and the sooner it is done the better if we would escape from the awful calamity King Tut fell into.

The laws of the city could be irrigated and made to blossom as a rose garden the year round.

W. W. Rocks.

COTTON MILL SITUATION

Mr. A. Garland Adair, Editor, Mexia Daily News, Mexia, Texas.

Dear Mr. Adair: I have just read with interest an article printed in the Southern Opportunities Magazine, published from my native state, Alabama, and in as much as it touches on the Cotton Mill situation, I thought that it would interest Mexia citizens. After you have read the article which it hereto attached, if in your opinion it is worth while, I would thank you to give space in your publication at an early date that those interested in a Cotton Mill for Mexia may acquaint themselves a little further along the lines of why the South is drawing these industries in this direction.

The article is as follows: "Movement of textile mills from the

north to the south continues at a very encouraging rate. In fact, our own southern people do not fully appreciate the extent of this movement and the opportunity that is now before them to secure branches of some of the largest New England mills seeking southern locations.

Only of recent date H. C. Moserve, Secretary of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, with headquarters in Boston, gave out a statement to the Associated Press, to the effect that certain textile companies had stated that they would make no further appropriations for enlargements of plants in New England States, and with the implication that in future all improvements, and appropriations for enlargements would go to southern branches.

There are numerous advantages offered in the south which have attracted these mills, the principal of which is the lower cost of production.

Recently a Boston Banker, Alston H. Gerzide, who is industrial service manager for the Merchants National Bank of that city, gave out an analysis of conditions which existed north and south which show an astonishing breadth between conditions in the two sections. Mr. Gerzide's analysis appeared in a recent issue of the New York Journal of Commerce, and since the authority is one closely identified with mill conditions in the north, it must be accepted as fairly representing the averages in the two sections.

Southern Opportunities believes that the article of Mr. Gerzide is one that should be published in all southern communities which are looking after new industries, since it indicates that those communities most active will be beneficiaries. The analysis is quoted as follows:

"It is common knowledge that the cotton mills of the south have been more active than the north during the past year, but the probabilities are that few in the trade realize how wide has been the spread between the two sections of the cotton manufacturing industry in the extent of their operations.

An analysis of government statistics show that in the first ten months of the year the cotton spindles of the south ran on an average 90 per cent more time than the spindles of the north. The southern spindles operated an average of 2,615 hours, while the northern spindles ran only 1,617 hours.

The southern mills with a normal working day average of 10.2 hours, ran on an average at 110 per cent normal, while the northern mills, with a normal day of only nine hours, ran at only 77 per cent of normal. The average for the country as a whole was about 84 per cent.

In other words, the southern mills not only run their longer regular working day but supplemented it with a great amount of night work, while the northern mills averaged to run only about three fourths of their shorter day schedule.

The extraordinary difference between mill activity in the south and in the north is further brought out by a comparison of the total number of spindle hours that the two sections

of the country operated. In the first ten months of the year the southern mills operated about 42,000,000,000 spindle hours, while the northern mills ran only 34,000,000,000, although the southern mills have only about 16,000,000 spindles while the northern mills have approximately 21,000,000. In other words, the southern mills, with 24 per cent less spindles than the north, ran 24 per cent more spindle hours.

The difference between the two sections of the industry as here shown are not open to question, as they are made from reports made monthly to the bureau of census by every mill in the country. These reports are active and idle spindle hours, originated by the census bureau in September, 1921 now give a line of statistical information that was greatly missed for many years.

It is no longer necessary for the trade to base its ideas of mill activity on the more or less unsatisfactory index furnished by consumption of raw material. The figures of spindle hours show accurately the fluctuation in mill operation, not only in the industry, but in the various states.

A number of factors have contributed to produce the difference between the north and south. It has been partly the result of labor difficulties in New England mills, arising from efforts of manufacturers to reduce manufacturing cost by lowering wage rates and increasing working hours. This however, has not been the major factor in the situation, as is shown by the fact that the same condition prevailed to a marked extent in the closing months of 1921, before the labor difficulties in New England began.

In November, 1921, the southern spindles ran, on an average of 252 hours, against 177 for the northern spindles, and in December 280 against 188. Moreover in October of this year when most of the labor difficulties had been cleared up, the southern spindles averaged 284 hours, against 177 for the northern mills.

The curtailment of mill operations in the north, coincident with overtime in the south, has been primarily due to the higher operating cost in the north, these being in turn the result of higher wage rates, higher fuel and transportation cost, heavier taxes, shorter working hours and legislative restrictions of many kinds.

As to legislative restrictions, it may be pointed out, for example that the practice of some southern mills to run day and night is not generally practicable in Massachusetts because of laws in that state which prohibit the

employment of women and minors on night shift.

There is no doubt room for difference of opinion as to the relative importance of the various factors that have produced this unbalanced state in the industry, but there can be no denying the fact that all the factors taken together have constituted a great handicap to the northern mills.

It is obvious that the conditions with which the northern manufacturers have had to deal have been far more difficult than those confronting the southern manufacturers. The facts seem to indicate that in times when there is not enough business to keep all cotton mills of the country fully engaged the southern mills with their lower cost, are in a position to take by far the greater part of the business that is offered, and the northern mills get what is left.

The northern mills, it would appear, are in somewhat the same position as a copper mine whose cost of production is 14 to 15 cents competing with a mine which can produce the metal for 10 or 12 cents with the market at 14 cents.

If the high cost mine is needed to supply the world's needs in normal times, it is bound to stay in business, but it suffers first and most in times of depression, and it does not enjoy as great prosperity of business activity as its competitor.

To the reader: If the above analysis be true, and there is no doubt in my mind that every word is true, then it is very gratifying indeed to know that the south is forging right ahead, and

that the future is very bright for other manufacturing plants. Labor in the south seems to be far more dependable than that of the north, climatic conditions seem to be excellent, connected up with cheaper fuel and transportation, therefore, keen business men are not overlooking the opportunities offered by the southland.

Yours very truly,
J. P. Dunaway,
504 N. Kaufman street, Mexia Texas

WHO WAS THE SISSY

A boy on his way back to the reformatory at Boonville writes a letter of advice to the boys and girls of Kansas City. He urges them to stay off the streets and mind their fathers and mothers.

The chances are he got that good advice himself many times. But he thought it was old fogey-ish then. The people that gave it to him didn't know life. He would show them.

So he did. Now he has learned that he was the one that did not know life. The old-fogey was the wise one. They knew what they were talking about and it was not goody, goody stuff, it was plain, hard sense. He believed he was hard boiled and that the people who advised him were sissies. Now he knows they were hard boiled and he was the sissy. It would have saved him trouble and disgrace if he had been willing to learn from the experience of others. But he insisted on finding out for himself. Many young men and women insist on doing the same thing. It is a pretty wasteful process, and sends a lot of them into the discard.—Kansas City Star.



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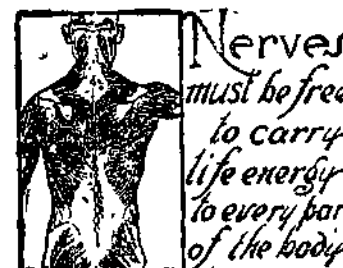
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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

SCENE IN "THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH" ACCCLAIMED BY NEW YORK AS TRIUMPH

If it's a thrill you're looking for you can get it when the William Fox special production, "The Village Blacksmith," opens at the National Theatre tomorrow. In this movie production which critics have acclaimed as the greatest picture of American home life since "Over the Hill," William Fox has provided a thrill that will thrill the heart and make gooseflesh appear in profusion. It is a real honest-to-goodness train wreck.

In line with the Fox policy of providing every element of the motion picture in such production, the train wreck was derived. A New York critic has acclaimed it as one of the greatest thrill scenes ever shown on the silver screen.

Several flashes are shown of the scene. Sunset Limited traveling at a rate of sixty miles an hour. The local train which stops at every station is shown. It is apparent that the local train which stops on the crossing is certain to be hit by the express which is traveling with lightning like velocity. Attempts are made to turn the express, but too late. The trains come together with a terrific crash, and when the debris is cleared away the injured body of the eldest of the "Village Blacksmith" sons is found pinned under the wreckage. Although severely injured, he is given immediate medical attention and soon recovers. The wreck is one of the most realistic ever shown on the screen. One train of six cars and another of four were used. Both trains were utterly destroyed.

WHIZ BANG REVUE AT THE OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

Manager Bevering of the Opera House, on Sunday last, during the coming week Mexico will see one of the best shows of the season. Marshall Walker and his "Whiz Bang Revue" will be at the Opera House all the week and promise some interesting entertainment for theatre-goers in Mexico.

They have just completed a sixteen week engagement at Houston where they went after a play of twenty-seven weeks at one house in Fort Arthur. After their engagement is completed here they will then go to Dallas for a twenty week stay at one of the leading play houses of that city.

MELODRAMA BASED ON LONGFELLOW'S POEM TO BE SHOWN HERE SOON

On Monday Manager Box of the National Theatre will show for the first time on any local screen a picture of Longfellow's beloved poem, "The Village Blacksmith." With this production William Fox, the producer, forges another link in his impressive chain of productions inspired by the classics of literature whose outstanding contributions have been "Les Misérables," "A Tale of Two Cities," "The Scarlet Letter," "Evangeline," "Monte Cristo" and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." Jack Ford directed the picture and Paul F. Slone is responsible for the scenic. The production combines the services of a notable company headed by William Walling, Virginia Valli, Tully Marshall, Bessie Love, George Hackathorne, Lon Poff, David Butler and Ralph Yearsley.

A BILL ENTITLED S. B. NO. 129

By Senator Doyle

An act to create the 87th Judicial District Court in the counties of Limestone and Freestone in the state of Texas, in addition to the 77th District Court now existing in said counties; to provide for the terms and jurisdiction of said court; and for the appointment of a district judge and a district attorney of said court and providing for their duties; and for the duties of county attorneys in said counties with respect to said court; for the transfer of causes from the docket of the court so created to the docket of the 77th District Court and from the docket of the 77th District Court to the court hereby created in said counties, so as to expedite the trial of causes and equalize the dockets; to provide for the clerk of said court in said counties and for the filing of causes and the preparation of dockets; and for the prosecution of criminal causes in said court in said counties by the district attorney in said counties; and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties; and likewise for the prosecution of causes in the 77th District Court by the district attorney of the 87th district court, and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties, making process now issued valid and binding to said court with other provisions, and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the counties of Limestone and Freestone shall hereafter constitute the 87th Judicial District now existing in said counties; and the terms of the District Court of the 87th District shall be held there in each year as follows:

In the county of Limestone, beginning on the first Mondays in February, May, August and November and shall continue in session eight weeks.

count, and in his absence the County Attorneys of Limestone county and Freestone county, respectively, shall act as such prosecuting attorney, and where the county attorney of either of said counties shall act in either court, as provided for, he shall receive for his services such fees and emoluments as are now provided by law for like services of county attorneys throughout the state.

Section 2. The crowded condition of the dockets of the 77th District Court in Limestone and Freestone counties are such that they deny to all litigants the rights of a speedy trial, and the same creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity which requires that the constitutional rule providing that bills be read on three several days in each house be suspended and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Firemen Honor Dog That Died In The Service

HOUSTON, Texas, April 2.—The headstone from "Tom's" grave is to occupy a position of honor in the new police and fire department building erected here, according to Fire Chief Olla.

Tom was just a dog, a mangy little pup without a hair on his body when he was picked up off the streets by a big-headed fireman and adopted by the department.

But that was more than ten years ago. Tom died Jan. 31, 1913, according to the inscription on the tombstone. There are a few firemen on the job who still remember Tom, however.

Tom was the only Houston dog that ever had an annual pass on the street cars. The pass was a brass collar plate directing all conductors to pass the dog on any line.

No one owned Tom, nor did he belong to any one station. Anyone who wore a fireman's uniform was his friend but he would have little to do with a civilian or a fireman out of uniform. He could distinguish between a fireman and a policeman just as he could tell the fire telephone from the office phone.

He stayed at each station one week and when the week was up he would trot out and hop on a street car and go to another station. He knew how to get to every station.

For six years he followed the trucks until one day one of the heavy fire trucks skidded and crushed him to death.

All available members of the fire department attended the funeral, which was the most impressive ever held for a dog in Harris county, according to the men who still remember the occasion.

Tom's remains were placed in a white, plush lined casket, donated by a local undertaking establishment and lowered into a grave while the firemen stood with bared heads and mourned his passing.

Port Arthur Man Gives Jiggs An Idea Worth While

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, April 2.—When police raided a residence here in search of liquor and found a dice game in full swing, it was the logical thing for them to take the participants in charge and hustle them off to the "hoosegow." They did the logical thing.

As the party started out the door with the officers, the host's wife called from above, "where are you going James?"

"To the movie m'dear," was the quick reply.

The officers, however, are positive that if the men went to a movie, they waited until the next day at least.

Neighbor Passes The Hat For A Fatherless Family

W. R. eBene, acting the part of a good neighbor, is passing the hat today for a fund to assist Mrs. John Dobson and her four little children in going to Oklahoma, where relatives reside and where she believes she will be able to make a living for herself and family. Mr. Dobson succumbed last week to an attack of pneumonia and was laid to rest at the local cemetery, the Salvation Army administering in the last sad hours.

The Envoy Joe S. Hopper had known the struggle that Mr. Dobson was making and was at the bedside many times during the last illness of the man. Neighbors made up a batch of groceries and sent them. Anyone desiring to assist them may hand their contribution to either Mr. or Mrs. Hopper of the Salvation Army and it will be turned over to the widow immediately.

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Born a Slave, Negro Professor Gains High Honors in Research

TUSKEGEE, Ala., March 31.—From slavery to a Fellow in the Royal Society of Great Britain.

Thus in one brief sentence sums up the life of Professor George W. Carver, negro, head of the department of agricultural research at Tuskegee Institute here.

Carver by his research work has gained nation wide prominence in chemical circles. Through his experiments, carried on over a period of twenty years or more, he has developed scores of by-products from the principal crops of the South.

He is principally noted for his products developed from peanuts and sweet potatoes and for his cold water paints and stains, developed from Georgia clay. He has developed 163 by-products from peanuts, 115 from sweet potatoes, and 85 from pecans.

Born on the plantation of Colonel George W. Carver near Neosho, Mo., towards the close of the Civil War, the negro who was later destined to go higher than any other member of his race in scientific circles, was kidnapped with his mother at the age of two weeks.

Exchanged for Horse

Colonel Carver, incensed over the raid on his plantation offered a reward of \$500 and forty acres of land for the return of his slaves. Baby George was returned in exchange for the race horse, while his mother was sold when the manumission found they could drive a better bargain.

The baby negro was taken back into the life of the plantation and was raised by the Carvers until he reached manhood. Later in his late twenties (Carver does not know his exact age) he entered Ames College in Iowa and after winning his B. S. and B. A. degrees took several post graduate courses in chemistry and science.

Since then he has devoted his life to experimenting in by-products of various products of the South and in the development of water colors and paints from Georgia clay. He has accepted a position on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute as head of the department of agriculture but was later elevated to the head of the department of agricultural research.

Honor Unsolicited

Though membership in the Royal Society of Great Britain is an honor cherished by scientists above all others Carver doesn't even know how he was elected to membership.

"Maybe it was Sir Henry Johnson," Carver said.

Sir Henry, while touring this country several years ago, spent a large portion of his time at the Institute here and became deeply interested in the work of the ex-slave. It is believed he proposed Carver's name for membership, which was accepted.

In 1918 Carver addressed Congress on the subject of a higher tariff on peanuts and succeeded in raising the rate from \$10 a ton to \$180, a great service to growers of the South.

Carver has been closely associated

with the national department of agriculture for years and was a warm friend of the late president Roosevelt.

Many Children In Schools Have Physical Defects

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—That many school children have physical defects of which their parents are ignorant is shown by the report of Miss Eloise Berry, health and nutrition specialist of the home economics extension division of the University of Texas. Miss Berry has just completed an examination of 160 school children of Temple and Belton in cooperation with Miss Arline McDonald, the public health nurse of Bell County. Out of one class of 40 children there were 37 cases of bad tonsils, it is stated. The cases were reported to

the parents and corrections were made.

Carrying out the regular health and nutrition work, as planned for one month by the home economics extension division, Miss Berry weighed and measured the children, had them examined by competent physicians, distributed health charts with explanation for their use, and conducted health and nutrition classes for the children, parent and teachers. Miss McDonald, public health nurse, will continue the health program in the schools, and will keep a record of the progress made by each child. Efforts are being made to combat malnutrition through correction of physical defects, and recommendation of proper diets. Attention of parents and teachers is called to cases of underweight among the children in order that measures may be taken to improve them.

TORONTO, Can.: There are 900 motion picture theaters in Canada, representing \$30,000,000 investment.

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Wholesale Grocers To Observe Half Holiday Saturdays

According to a statement made this morning by A. H. eBerry of the Berry-Barnett Grocery Company that establishment and The Central Texas Grocery Company will close every Saturday, hereafter and on through the summer, at one o'clock. This move is made to give the employes an opportunity to have a half holiday each week and is in accordance with customs generally followed by wholesalers elsewhere.

She—"That dance made me dizzy, let's sit down." He—"All right, I know a nice dark corner cut on the porch." "Thanks just the same—but I'm not quite as dizzy as all that." Hamilton Royal Gahoon.

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TEXAS TABLOIDS

(By United Press)

TEXARKANA.—Robert D. Newton, 27, of Camden, Ark., died at a local hospital from hemorrhage of the nose, caused by a violent fit of sneezing with which he was seized a week ago.

AUSTIN.—Lon D. Morgan, former chief clerk of the state treasury, was convicted yesterday of the second count growing out of his alleged embezzlement of \$40,000 of public funds. He was given two years imprisonment. Previously he had been convicted on another count and given a similar sentence. Several other indictments against him are pending.

AUSTIN.—Warrants totalling \$300,000 were expected to be cashed at the state treasury today by the state prison commission, following a ruling the attorney general's department late yesterday that warrants up to \$600,000—the amount of the prison system appropriation by the last legislature—could be cashed. The general revenue, which was placed on a deficiency basis yesterday by \$3,000,000 being transferred to the available school fund, can only take care of \$300,000, it was made known.

EL PASO.—The distinguished service medal was yesterday presented Mary E. Sheehan, chief nurse at the William Beaumont hospital at Fort Bliss, here, for meritorious service in the Vichy hospital area with the American army in France. Miss Sheehan is the third officer to hold D. S. Cs. here. The others are Major General Robert L. Howze and M. A. W. Shockey.

WACO.—Lowe Newton, alias J. A. Martin, white, convicted thief and burglar, sentenced to 32 years imprisonment, committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor in the county jail here yesterday.

HILLSBORO.—Leslie L. Rhine, brakeman, was killed when the caboose in which he was riding struck a car on a siding in the Missouri, Kansas & Texas yards here, and was tele-scoped.

Judge (to defendant)—"Do you want to challenge any member of the jury?" Ex-Prizefighter—"Ah ain't feelin' jes' right, Judge, but ah don't mind join' a couple of roun's with that fat gemmum in the co'ner."—Life.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL HOUSE BOND ELECTION IN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS.

The State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of April, A. D. 1923, at Woodland school house in Common School District No. 37 of Limestone County, Texas, as established by order of the Commissioners' court of Limestone County, Texas, dated the 17th day of February, A. D. 1908, and as corrected by order of said court on 8th day of May, 1911, which is of record in Volume Book F Page 323 as reestablished and defined by order of Commissioners' Court on 8th day of May, 1911 in Limestone County, Texas, to determine whether or not a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of said district desire the issuance of bonds, numbered consecutively from one to twenty four, inclusive, of the denomination of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars each, aggregating Twenty Four Thousand (\$24,000.00) Dollars to bear interest at the rate of 6 1/2 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, said bonds to be payable serially, as follows:

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H. D. Abner is hereby appointed presiding officer for said election. He shall select two judges and elect a clerk to assist him in holding the election. He shall within five days after said election shall have been held, make due return thereof to the commissioners' court of Limestone County, Texas, as required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue said bonds and levy said tax shall have written or printed on their ballot the words: "For the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order dated the 16th day of March, A. D. 1923, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated this 16th day of March, A. D. 1923.
Whit Papejoy
Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas. 25-1-8

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

The State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of April, 1923 at Woodland school house in Common School District No. 37 of this county as established by order of the commissioners' court of Limestone County, Texas, of the date 17th day of Feb., 1908, which is of record in Book F, Page 323 to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of this district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess, and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of (b) 100 cent on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purposes.

W. H. Arbuckle has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held make due return thereof to the commissioners' court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and

are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote in said election, and all voters who favor taxation for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For School Tax."
And those against such taxation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"Against School Tax."
Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 16th day of March, 1923, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 16th day of March, 1923.
Whit Papejoy
Sheriff, Limestone County, Texas. 25-1-8

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

You are Hereby Commanded to summon Uniform Gasoline & Petroleum Co., joint stock association by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 87th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Limestone County, to be held at the Court House, thereof, in Groesbeck, Texas, on the 1st Monday in May, A. D. 1923, the same being the 7th day of May, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 3443 B, wherein Erick Reid Supply Company is Plaintiff, and Uniform Gasoline & Petroleum Company, a joint stock association is Defendant, and said petition alleging:

That on or about December 2nd, 1921, at the special instance and request of the defendant, Plaintiff sold and delivered to it, goods, wares, and merchandise, the same consisting of, bolts, bulphugs, nipples, lock steps, forged unions, tees, bushings, piping, valves, elbows, plugs, dies, longside wrenches, chisels, hammers, mallets, hammers, packings, oils, pipe cutters, testing machine, steel tape, hole digger, and other merchandise, goods and wares, in consideration whereof the defendant promised to pay plaintiff for said above described merchandise with six per cent interest thereon from date, said account totaling the sum of \$8933.63, same bearing interest from the first day of April, 1922.

That said account is past due and unpaid and defendant though often requested has failed and refused and still refused to pay same or any part thereof to plaintiff, damage in the said above named sum.

That said supplies were used in the improvements, placed in the 3-36-100 acres of land known as the Macker lease, said lease being fully described in the deed for George F. Beavers to defendant herein, dated December 5th, 1921, recorded in Vol. 128, page 38 deed records of Limestone County, Texas. Among said improvements being: loading racks, boiler two 1600 bbl. tanks, one 500 bbl. tank, 1 two room house, 1500 feet of 4 in. pipe, in line, 10,000 feet of 2 inch pipe in line, 3 snowdrifting pumps which improvements will furnish the defendant by the plaintiff herein.

That on the 22nd day of September, 1922, Plaintiff filed a materialman's lien on the property above set out which lien is recorded in Vol. 2, page

421, of the Employers Lien records of Limestone County, Texas, which said lien is made a part of Plaintiff's petition for all purposes, that said lien constitutes a valid incumbrance upon the property above set out and all improvements placed on said property.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, that upon a trial hereof plaintiff have judgement for its debt of \$8933.63, interest, costs of suit, and an order of sale directing that said property be sold and the proceeds be applied to Plaintiff's indebtedness and for such other and further relief, special and general in law and in equity to which plaintiff may be entitled.

Herein Fail Not, and have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Groesbeck, Texas, this 16th day of March, A. D. 1923.

JOHNSON WAKEFIELD,
Clerk, District Court,
Limestone County.
By RUTH WIMBISH, Deputy. 22-29-5-12.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION STATE OF TEXAS,

Limestone County, City of Mexia.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mexia, Texas, notice is hereby given that a general election will be held on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1923, in and within the boundaries of the City of Mexia, Texas, at the City Hall in said City, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners for said City, each of whom shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

And W. O. Miller is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election, and he shall select two Judges and two Clerks to assist him in holding the same; and said election shall be held in the manner prescribed by law for holding other elections.

In testimony whereof witness my official signature this 1st day of March, A. D. 1923.

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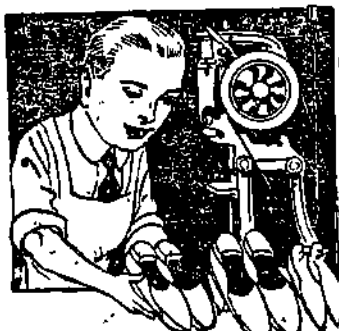
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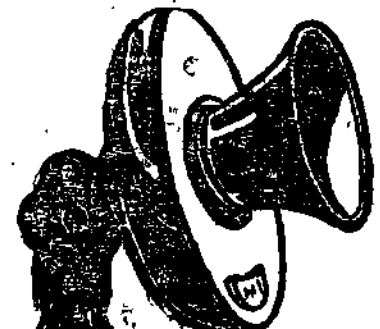
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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH. WILLIAM FOX SPECIAL PRODUCTION. NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

REMARKABLE CAST SEEN IN "THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"

In the moving picture industry there are a number of guide books published. Several of these books are considered really "Blue Books" of the industry. If one were to glance over the list of the cast of the latest William Fox production, "The Village Blacksmith," one would be struck by the fact that they were reading one of the "Blue Books."

This remarkable cast is headed by William Wellman, who portrays the role of the blacksmith. Wellman is one of the most capable actors on the screen. He has been admired by both press and public as an artist of the first water because of his excellent portrayal of the part.

In the order named on the program next appears the name of Virginia True Boardman. Miss Boardman, while only a young woman, has been portraying leading roles on the screen for a number of years. She is exceedingly capable and her portrayal of the blacksmith's wife is really a work of art.

Virginia Valli, whose name appears next on the list, is well known to the movie fans from coast to coast. She is the daughter of the blacksmith in the main part of the picture. During the earlier scenes of the production Ida Nan McKenzie, one of the best child actresses on the screen, plays the role in the early portion of the production.

Bill, the elder son of the leading character, is portrayed by Dave Butler. Gordon Griffith, as Bill when he was a boy, has made his part stand out and has been hailed as a coming star.

To get down the rest of the characters and give right detail as to their work would require more space than can be afforded. Each member of the cast, however, is well known to moving picture audiences from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The cast includes: George Hackathorne, Pat Moore, Tully Marshall, Caroline Rankin, Ralph Vandyke, Henri de la Garrique, Francis Ford, Deane Love, Mark Fenton, Lon Poff, Cordelia Calahan, Eddie Gribbon and Lucille Rattigan.

Under the able direction of Jack Ford this admirable cast has made a production that will not be equalled in many a day in the motion picture industry.

FOR RENT—one side of Duplex house. W. D. Hight, 729 E. Commerce st., Phone 122 or 224. 2d3J

Local News

The blotter at the police station this morning shows only two arrests made Sunday, one drunk and fighting and one fighting.

Chief Albert Mace had business in Groesbeck today.

Miss Ora Phillips has returned from Baylor University, having finished her studies. She finished the four years course in three and a half years, but will not get her degrees until June of this year, at the closing of the term.

Ieland Phillips was over from Baylor University the past few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star tonight. Please be on time as there is important business to be transacted. —W. M.

"That was an awful doleful sermon the moon, or pinched this mornin'! What a text—'Here Today and Gone Tomorrow.' " "Ay, it's trouble w' their servants that's got on his mind; they've had sex in as many weeks." —Passing Show.

The epornies, a gigantic extinct feathered monster which formerly inhabited Madagascar laid an egg as big as a small beer barrel, its contents being equal to those of about 300 hen's eggs.

L. S. Patterson had business in Waco today.

Deputy Constable Wright gathered at the men and some boys out on the Groesbeck road Sunday and brought in his catch.

The three pavers went to work this morning, toping up Benham street working north from Main street and will continue weather permitting, until this street and Canton are finished.

Regular meeting of the Knights Templar tomorrow night and all members are urged to attend, as well as visitors. —E. C.

SEGUIN—When a rainstorm kept the White Sox from working outdoors, 200 bales of cotton were removed from a cotton warehouse so that pitchers could keep their arms limbered up.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY, CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE FOR YEAR, 1922:

Numerical	1921	1922
Number of Churches	1,145	1,208
Number of church members	43,703	48,118
Number of members Y. P. S.	8,661	10,864
Number of members of Sunday school	64,738	74,481
Number of S. S. Teachers and Officers	8,015	9,290
Number of Members W. M. S.	3,637	5,329
Number of Elders	945	1,028
Number of Licensed Ministers	866	1,004
Number of Licensed Deaconesses	178	152
Number of Consecrated Deaconesses	178	220
Number of S. S. Superintendents	1,040	1,112
Number of Presidents Y. P. S.	335	445
Number of Commissioned Evangelists	279	252
Number of Elected Delegates	2,109	2,231
Total Membership of Assemblies	5,037	5,662
Number of Church Buildings	763	841
Number of Parsonages	323	345

Financial	1921	1922
Value of Church property	\$3,868,977	\$4,655,982
Indebtedness on Church property	722,123	950,434
Raised For:		
Buildings and Improvements	425,691	438,761
General Superintendents	13,522	11,410
District Superintendents	50,495	55,896
Pastors (including assistant pastors)	637,185	687,562
Deaconesses	10,339	8,471
Home Missions	77,224	55,350
Evangelists	178,762	184,135
Foreign Mission (churches)	185,712	162,756
Foreign Missions (W. M. S.)	17,432	20,765
Church Extension	13,881	11,043
Education	92,414	82,759
Social Welfare	8,930	8,826
Orphanage	20,603	12,118
Nazarene Tract Society	573	293
Ministerial Relief	2,253	3,289
Contingent Fund	3,196	4,258
Other Benevolences	64,915	63,969
Rent	36,068	44,664
Church Expenses	260,644	222,462
Sunday School Expenses	70,735	80,829
Miscellaneous Items	599	6,441
All Purposes	\$2,121,205	\$2,148,057

During the year of 1922 the Church of the Nazarene received the following additions:

A net increase of 85 members per week.

A net increase of 42 Y. P. S. members per week.

A net increase of 187 Sunday school scholars each week.

A net increase of 21 officers and teachers in the Sunday schools to care for the increase of scholars.

Sixty-three new congregations were added during the year.

A new church building was provided every five days, and a new parsonage was added every sixteen days.

The 44,118 members gave \$44.64 each during the year for the support of the church and its work.

These members paid \$12,834 per week to pastors, \$1,075 per week to support district superintendents, and \$219 per week to the support of general superintendents, and \$8,427 per week for buildings and improvements.

There was added to the value of church property \$15,137 each week.

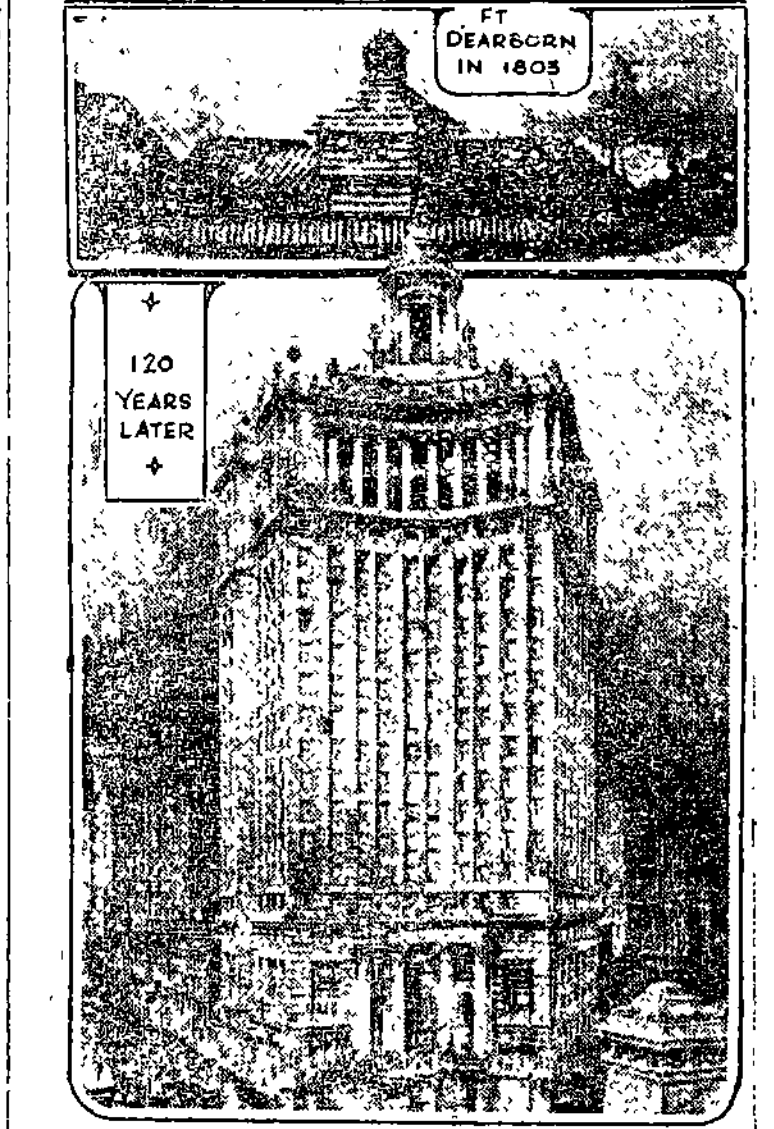
Rev. Chas. A. Kinder, General Statistical Sec.

After looking over this foregoing financial statement, there does not seem to be anything remarkable about it to the person not acquainted with the history of our church. This being the case, a brief resume of our history would not come amiss at this time.

As early as 1894 we find a few loyal souls working on the ideals and principles, which were later to spring forth into what is now "The Church of the Nazarene". From time to time throughout the country, various missions and churches sprung up all with practically the same ideas on which to found their faith. These, of course, we must readily see, were independent of each other, and their individual financial troubles were of necessity taken care of separately, and without aid from each other. It was not until 1907 that a few of these churches were "Unionized", this taking place in Chicago. However, the present Church of the Nazarene did not come into being until Feb. 13, 1915, at Nashville, Tenn., at which time and place this union was effected, thus uniting both the home and the foreign work of the Pentecostal Mission and the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

Considering the foregoing brief remarks regarding our history, is it any wonder we are proud of our achievements, both financially and spiritually? D. C. GAFFORD, Pastor.

SYMBOL OF NATION'S FORWARD STRIDE RISES ON SITE OF INDIAN MASSACRE



Where one hundred and twenty years ago stood the brave little stockade known as Fort Dearborn, nucleus of the present Chicago, today a modern twenty-story office building is nearing completion. The Garrison of Fort Dearborn was massacred in 1812.

This site is now the American home of the London Guarantee & Accident Company. Much public interest centered in the design as civic organizations demanded that the historic site be memorialized.

with eleven sides, should be dignified by something more than a new building. It had to be of a beauty and permanence suggesting a monument. Finally the present plans, by Alfred S. Alschuler, were accepted, and the historians were satisfied with the placing of a memorial tablet over the entrance to the building. The monument, idea was further strengthened by making it solidly of Indiana Limestone, which has the peculiar quality of hardening under exposure to the historic site.

Too Late to Classify

AIRDALE PUPPIES for sale—Registered stock from champions. Males \$50, females \$35. Box A care News. 2d3J

WANTED TO RENT—O. piano. Must be in good condition. Call H. F. Craig, 9319-F2 2d3L

FOR SALE—Dairy and all equipment

for cash or on terms with good responsible parties. Apply or write to Box 9, Route 1, Mexia, on the Groesbeck road. 2d3J

FOR RENT—2 room apartment, nicely furnished, all modern conveniences. Close in. Mrs. G. W. Perkins, 409 East Carthage 2d3L

WANTED—A well built 2 or 3 room house or shack.

One that will stand moving. Will buy house and lease lot if properly located. Call 648, Gulf Refg. Co., call for Moore 2d2E

FOR SALE—a splendid two room house. Gas, electric lights and water at big bargain. Two blocks from Grammar School. Phone Tracy 712. cKnie, 395 or 114 2d3J

LUGGAGE ON SALE

All This Week

Reduced 25%

—These handsome articles of leather will defy dust, and will resist the roughest sort of usage. They are sturdily built—and the best judges of leather will tell you that you have made a wise purchase if you buy one of these suit cases or bags.

All This Week HARTMANN TRUNKS

At a Reduction of 25 per cent

—Buy your wardrobe trunk now while you can save on your purchase. They are the best trunk to be had. Whether your journey is over the week-end or extends over months, you will never have to unpack your Hartmann Wardrobe trunk. Use gowns or suits as you need them without disturbing them. No clothes press can keep apparel more immaculate than this wonderful wardrobe trunk. Come in today and see our display.

Mexia Dry Goods Co.

209 Commerce Mexia, Texas

DRESSING THE PART IS SECRET OF CHARM FOR MILKMAID OR DEBUTANT



CHICAGO.—The well-dressed woman, whether she sits in a box at the opera or milks a cow on a farm, is, according to an artist who is teaching dress designing in a Chicago technical high school, the one who dresses the part.

"This is something the French woman understands perfectly," this teacher told one of her classes. "It is something the woman on America's Main Street is learning. The costume that is stunning at Deauville or Cannes would be absurd on the shaded streets of a little mid-west town on a May morning.

"It is not a matter of degree but of kind. The woman going briskly about her marketing with a basket on her arm may be just as artistic and lovely as the one who is sitting on a big hotel veranda. If you don't believe it, go to the theatre and see some play in which the innocent little village girl crowds the sophisticated city vamp clear out of the spotlight.

"Then go home and make yourself a straight-line frock of flowered cloth or plaid ginghams or muslin. Get a trim that

drapes a little over the eyes and trim it with daisies or cornflowers according to the color of your frock. Draw on a pair of Burson's cotton or mercerized hose, that are seamless and fitted in the knitting after the fashion of those your grandmother used to knit on needles, and a lightweight pair of oxfords with medium low heels. Shoes and stockings may be of tan or black.

"Then take your market basket and trip down town, and if you get a glimpse of yourself reflected in some shop window you will see how perfectly you are a part of the picture. You are dressed for the part, and, therefore, well dressed."

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WELCH NO. 2 WILDCAT HAS OIL SHOWING

Who Can Vote

George Perkins this morning had prepared for publication the law regarding who can vote in the city elections tomorrow. From this it will be seen that a qualified voter must be twenty one years of age, a resident of Texas one year and a resident of Mexia six months. "Residence" is also defined. The payment of the city poll tax is not a requisite. All entitled to vote must live within the corporate limits of Mexia.

Who Can Vote

Sec. 31. Qualifications for Voting in City Elections.—All qualified electors of this State, as described in Articles 2338 and 2339, who shall have resided for six months immediately preceding an election within the limits of any city of incorporated town shall have a right to vote for mayor and all other elective officers; but, in all elections to determine the expenditure of money or assumption of debt, or issuance of bonds, only those shall be qualified to vote who pay taxes on property in such city or incorporated town; provided, that no poll tax for the payment of debts thus incurred shall be levied upon the person debarred from voting in relation thereto. (Art. 2340, R. S.)

1. A party who moves into an incorporated city after January 1, 1909, is not subject to a poll tax in said city for the year 1909 and will be entitled to vote without having paid his city poll tax provided other poll taxes are paid and he is otherwise qualified.

2. To require one class of persons, viz., those residing outside the city, to pay the poll tax not later than January 31st, and another class, those residing within the city to pay same

tax not later than December 31st, or else be deprived of the right to vote, would work a hardship, and would be unenforceable. A qualification for a voter that conflicts with the provision of the Constitution that requires poll taxes to be paid prior to January 31st is void.

Sec. 32. "Residence" Defined.—The residence of a single man is where he usually sleeps at night, that of a married man is where his wife resides, or if he be permanently separated from his wife, his residence is where he sleeps at night; provided, that the residence of one who is an inmate or officer of a public asylum or eleemosynary institution, or who is employed as a clerk in one of the departments of government at the capital of this State, or who is a student of a college or university, unless such officer, inmate, clerk or student has become a bona fide resident citizen in the county where he is employed, or is such student, shall be construed to be where his home was before he became such inmate or officer in such eleemosynary institution or asylum or was employed as such clerk or became such student, and, if on payment of his poll tax he would be a qualified voter, he shall be permitted to return during the month of January in each year to his home to pay his poll tax or obtain his certificate of exemption, and shall be permitted to return again to his home to vote at any general or primary election. The inmates of the Confederate Home situated within the limits of the city of Austin, shall after obtaining their certificates of exemption, be entitled to vote for State, district, municipal and county officers. (Art. 2341, R. S.)

Six Unmasked Men Get Six Mail Sacks In Illinois Hold-Up

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 2.—Six unmasked men who seized six sacks of mail at the Chicago & Alton Railway station here yesterday and staged a running gun battle with police in making a get-away, were sought through three States today.

Police claimed to have information that the raid was made by gangsters known as "Egan's Rats", having ramifications in Chicago and St. Louis. Haunts in those two cities, as well as in Illinois were being watched.

The robbers, suddenly descending upon the station with revolvers and sawed-off shotguns, obtained little, if any, valuable loot, postal authorities said today. They missed a sack of registered mail, it was declared.

Police came on the scene just as the robbers were leaving, tearing open letters and mail sacks as they went. A running battle down the principal streets, the bandits firing slugs and dum-dum bullets, ensued, throwing crowds at two or three dance halls, into a panic.

One suspect, heavily armed, was arrested near the place where the robbers abandoned their bullet splattered automobile. He was held pending investigation and is said to be a member of the gang believed to have staged the affair.

First Blood In Fake Promoters Case Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, April 2.—The first blow of the federal government was struck in the Fort Worth oil promotion clean up. Charges were filed against twenty five promoters and warrants placed in the hands of United States Marshal. Use of the mails to defraud was charged. The first arrest was that of D. S. Hanninger of the Producers association, which was headed by Dr. Cooke of North Pole fame.

Lansing-Ishil Pact Obsolete and Dead

TOKYO, April 2.—The Japanese government is entirely willing to abrogate the Lansing-Ishil agreement under which the United States recognized the "special interests" of Japan in China, the exact definition of which has never been settled, it was learned. Japan considers that the value of the agreement has long since ceased to exist.

Mill Operatives Get 10% Increase

ROCK HILL, S. C., April 2.—Wage increases of 10 per cent to mill operatives were announced today by five cotton mills here. They are to become effective immediately. The mills granting the increase are the Arcade, Aragon, Industrial, Victoria Mills No. 1, and 2, and the Carhart Mills Nos. 1 and 2.

Auto Accident Kills 5 Persons

ASHLAND, Ky., April 2.—Five persons were killed and two injured here yesterday when an automobile collided with a Chesapeake & Ohio locomotive at a grade crossing. Mrs. J. R. Saunders, who, with her two children survived, was unable to explain the crash. Her husband was among those killed.

Texas Girl Is Champ. Dancer

NEW YORK, April 2.—Alma Cummings, who gives her home as San Antonio, Texas, today claims the world's non-stop dancing record. Six young men willed under the pace set by the girl who fox-trotted, one stepped and waltzed twenty-seven hours without a halt.

2500 FEET OF FLUID MOSTLY OIL IN HOLE

The biggest "April Fool" prank played yesterday was regarding reports concerning the Humphreys. Welch number 2 wildcat test, West of Groesbeck and about twelve miles Southwest of Mexia. The joke was that it was not a joke, as many oil scouts and operators, as well as the public generally, who were told that the hole was filling up with oil, discredited the rumor on the supposition that someone was trying to "April Fool" them. Nevertheless, there were quite a few who "bit" and who went to see for "safety first" purposes and because they are so interested in seeing new petroleum pools opened up in this section of Texas. Upon their return and especially this morning, the public realized that they were fooled Sunday in believing the true story to have been without foundation.

The Welch Number Two is now the chief topic of talk on the streets, despite the interest in municipal elections Tuesday.

It is an Humphreys test and has reached down to a depth of 3865 feet.

It is standing about 2500 feet in fluid, mostly oil. The most conservative report has had it 2100 instead of 2500 feet, but none deny that oil is coming up in the test. Some water is in the well but all seem to agree that it is not salt water and are encouraged accordingly. The casing has been set to a depth of 3400 feet, so about 465 feet of open hole exists and it is known that what water there is in it comes below the bottom of the 3400 feet of casing.

The gravity of the product shows 20.6 which is about the same grade as Smackover Heavy. Some operators point out that in many instances where a low gravity of oil is found production is in much greater quantities than in fields of lighter crude.

Some of the leading oil men, with whom the subject has been discussed are not overly optimistic or excited at all about the discovery, yet they believe that this is the forerunner of a real pool will be opened at no distant date. They state that similar discoveries were made, on a lesser scale, in a test previously sent down in that vicinity. It will require a better showing to convince the conservative that a profitable or prolific pool will be penetrated there.

The drillers have had a fishing job for several weeks and it was known that until very recently there were three strings of tools in the hole—the last two being lost in fishing for the first ones dropped. It was this situation that caused many to discredit the rumor "April Fool's Day" and their hesitancy to accept the report was not due to any disposition on their part to minimize the geological reports that have been made regarding the district. Leading geologists here have pronounced the structure in that particular locality the best looking structure in this part of Texas. And as a result of these reports several of the large companies operating in the Mexia district have leased many hundreds of acres of land in that vicinity and between there and Thornton.

The Texas Company Stroud is now down around 800 feet.

TOM CAMPBELL FUNERAL AT PALESTINE HOME

GALVESTON, Tex., April 2.—The body of former Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell, of Palestine, who died here last night, was to be taken to Palestine today.

The former Governor, who had been ill at the John Sealy Hospital here for nearly a year, became suddenly worse shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday and lapsed into a state of unconsciousness from which he never recovered.

Campbell suffered from an intestinal disorder.

"People who look for trouble never

Half Doz. Bandits Hold Up Govern'm't Mail Truck At St. L.

ST. LOUIS, April 2.—Six heavily armed bandits held up a Government mail truck here today and escaped with nine sacks of registered mail.

The robbers intercepted the truck, covered the driver and armed guard with revolvers, seized the mail sacks and dashed away in an automobile.

No estimate of the amount of money contained in the sacks had been made.

The truck was carrying the heavy Easter week-end mail from the main postoffice to the Bridge branch postoffice in the heart of the commission house district near the water front.

Federal officials investigating the hold-up worked on the theory it was carried out by the same gang which robbed a mail truck at Springfield Sunday morning. One of the suspects captured at Springfield was a well known St. Louis police character.

The St. Louis hold-up was carried out in regulation "wild west" methods, used in the Springfield robbery.

Bringing their auto to a stop directly in front of the mail truck, the bandits leaped out, five of them holding sawed off shotguns, and the sixth leveling two heavy caliber revolvers at the driver and guards of the truck.

All of the bandits were masked with large handkerchiefs.

Working deliberately, three of the robbers transferred the mail sacks from the truck to the rear seat of their automobile.

The other bandits forced the chauffeur and guard from the seat of the truck and locked them in the iron cage from which they had taken the mail. They drove the truck down a narrow alley before driving away in their own automobile. The imprisoned men called vainly from their cage for half an hour before they were rescued by a passerby.

Germany Renews Talk for Peace

By CARL D. GROAT

(United Press Staff Correspondent) BERLIN, April 2.—Germany renewed talk of negotiations to end the Ruhr deadlock today following the outbreak of violence in the occupied areas over the week-end that cost twenty-two lives.

The Berlin press asks if it is not now time to put out more feelers to Paris and Brussels, suggesting the advantage lies with Germany.

What was going on in the troubled area around Essen could not be definitely determined today, communications with that storm center being interrupted. One of the last things known to have occurred is the arrest by the French of four general managers of the Krupp work where French troops Saturday killed nine German workers and wounded thirty with machine gun fire. The managers are charged with inciting the workers by ordering factory sirens sounded when a French patrol approached to requisition automobiles. A crowd menaced the troops, they reported, and they were forced to open fire.

Eleven were killed in a train wreck Saturday and two others were killed in fighting over the week-end.

Mingling with the popular outcry here that bloodshed in the Ruhr must cease, came indications today that the Cuno Government might try new peace maneuvers this week, based on the theory that Belgium at least is tiring of the adventure, and might be split from France if satisfactory offers were made.

Hints have been received here recently of the possibility that Belgium is "fed up" with the Ruhr show, Foreign Minister Jasper's visit to Italy seemed to strengthen this view.

Light Airplanes May Be a Success

TOULOUSE, France, April 2.—Barbot, famous French aviator, made four flights here today in an airplane driven by a motor of only ten horsepower. On one flight he remained aloft at a height of 150 feet for 10 minutes.

In an interview after his flight, Barbot declared he used only half the power of his motor part of the time, and that he could fly with a five horsepower engine.

"I foresee an era of light airplanes

Election Exciting

The week starts off with many topics of interest.

There are the regular monthly bills; the developments in the wildcat test southwest; the activities at Powell, and the City Elections.

At first it seemed that little interest would be taken in the municipal elections scheduled for the first Tuesday in this month—tomorrow. In the past few hours, however, the event waxes warm and much interest is being shown especially in the races for the offices of Commissioners.

The candidates for commissioners are W. C. Wilson, John Corley, J. E. Bolton and Rex Forrest, two to be elected.

The candidates in the mayoralty's race are Ernest Watson, who is standing for reelection and Ben S. Smith.

There does not seem to be any two particular political line ups. Candidates J. E. Bolton and John Corley however, Saturday came out with a joint statement regarding their attitude toward municipal affairs. The line up, however, does not include any particular one of the two candidates in the Mayor's race. Forrest and Wilson have not given any special reason for linking them up to-

gether in the race nor have they joined in any effort to elect any one of the two candidates for Mayor.

It is, therefore, undoubtedly true that the voters will go to the polls Tuesday not with any ticket in view but will vote for the men for commissioners and for the man for Mayor whom they consider will make the best officials for the Mexia of tomorrow.

To the outsider, it would seem that Corley and Bolton are both pronounced in their opposition to certain acts of the outgoing commissioners; favor conservatism and a reduction of taxes, while Forrest and Wilson have confined their pledges to the statements that they favor intelligent, economical and efficient administration of city affairs with the elimination of all useless expenditures. Neither of the latter have, however, linked their names together in these statements and it is likely true that many will vote for either one of the two of them, and either one of the two of the first mentioned, while similar variance in choice will result in the selection of the next Mayor.

A heavy vote is predicted.

Williamson County Man Kidnapped And Whipped by Unmasked Men Sun.

TAYLOR, Texas, April 2.—R. W. Burleson of Wear, a village near here, is in a serious condition at a local hospital as the result of a severe flogging given him by a band of kidnapers yesterday. Burleson, who represents a hosiery concern here, was taken from a car in which he was riding with some friends near Wear, spirited to a point on the Gabriel river

and flogged until he was nearly unconscious, according to reports to local authorities. He was then brought to Taylor and at a point near the business section was further mistreated. A chain was placed around his neck and he was beaten over the head with pistols. Several buckets of creosote were poured over his head, causing severe burns. No arrests have been made.

Easter Accidents Result in Death Of Twenty Two Persons Sunday

DALLAS, April 2.—Twenty two persons were killed and nearly two hundred injured in Easter accidents throughout the country, according to a survey today by the United Press. Ash-

land, Ky., led the casualty list with six dead and four injured. Five met death when a machine was crushed by a train. Six were killed in an auto collision. Detroit was next with four dead. Two were killed in Athens, Ga.

Former Mexia Man Killed In Wreck Sunday

H. I. Smith, proprietor of the Palace theater at Wortham, was accidentally killed Sunday afternoon, just out of Corsicana when the automobile in which he was riding capsized. Robert Nunn of this city, who was with him and driving the car at the time, escaped practically uninjured. Mr. Nunn left here Saturday to go to Corsicana and to the Powell field and when he reached Wortham was joined by Mr. Smith who accompanied him on the trip. It was when they were returning home that the tragedy occurred in which the Wortham citizen was killed. The car, on the smooth highway while near the Magnolia station, on the outskirts of Corsicana, was moving rapidly when another car was met, it is understood. In passing the car in which Mr. Smith and Mr. Nunn were riding swerved and turned completely over, righting itself on its wheels again. Mr. Smith was hurled to Corsicana but died almost instantly. Mr. Nunn came home later and is much distressed it is learned over the unfortunate incident. He received only a few minor bruises on the hand and head.

Mr. Smith formerly resided here and has been in Wortham only a few months.

That will cost only a few hundred dollars," the French aviator said.

"With development of parachutes, these planes will be as safe and easy to run as a bicycle."

APPORTIONMENT FOR SCHOOL LARGEST EVER

AUSTIN, April 2.—An apportionment of \$6.50 per capita, based on 1,297,239 scholars for a grand total of \$8,432,048 was made today by the State Board of Education. It is the largest apportionment ever made in the history of the state, the next high mark being \$5 per capita on April 1st last year.

Prisoner Tries But Does Not Make Get-a-way

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 2.—W. H. Newlin, 38 years old, convicted forger, enroute to Lansing penitentiary from Al Dorado, Kansas, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from his guards on a train near Lawrence.

Newlin slipped into the lavatory, and squeezed himself feet first through a small window that trainmen said no ordinary man could get through. A guard nabbed him while he was wriggling through.

10 YEARS PENALTY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 2.—Wesley Gibbons, 24 years old, must serve ten years for his part in the \$97,000 Drivers National Bank hold-up here last December.

Gibbons was sentenced by Judge Charles R. Pence, after a jury sitting all night returned a verdict yesterday of guilty.

Gibbons is the third members of the gang to be convicted. Several others will be tried later.

ARRINGTON SAYS CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE IN CITY AFFAIRS ARE UNJUST AND MISLEADING

I am prompted by a sense of justice to the individuals who comprise the citizenship of our town, and a spirit of fairness to those who have had in charge the administration of our governmental affairs to "rush into print" for several reasons.

The "yellow" sheet or hand-bill appearing on our streets last Saturday is calculated to be misleading and is very deceptive (probably so intended).

Those seeking election on a tax reduction platform should first ascertain if it is possible to reduce taxes and still run our government judiciously.

The statements I make here are founded on facts and invite your careful consideration.

I wish to preface my remarks by saying that this letter from me is unsolicited. I have no axe to grind. I am not connected in any way with the Municipal Government, I am not seeking any office, neither do I intend doing so.

I profess to know something of taxation and the need thereof and I challenge any one to prove that our present tax rate can be reduced over 15c without seriously impairing our government. I happen to know that the present administration have had under consideration long before now a reduction in the existing tax rate.

Regarding the expenses of our government I submit a comparative statement showing the operating expenses for the first three months of 1922 and for the corresponding period of 1923:

Operating expense for 3 mos., 1922 were \$21,383.33

Operating expenses for 3 mos., 1923 were \$12,425.10

You will observe a substantial reduction in operating expenses under last year of approximately eighty-nine hundred dollars or over 40 per cent. Who deserves credit for this reduction?

I also know that a still further reduction goes into effect today amounting approximately \$700 per month and this was planned long before the public was concerned about it.

Regarding the five hundred dollar salaries being paid, I wish to say I have investigated this feature also and will not have to retract any statement I have made when I say that no one connected with the present administration is receiving any such salary, neither is there a record of such salaries being even

I will also pay my respects to this phase of the administration.

Investigation develops, the fact that the operation of this department for the past seven months has shown a profit approximately eleven thousand dollars. Eight thousand and eight hundred of this has been expended in making extensions and improvements, leaving a net cash balance of approximately twenty-four hundred dollars. Does this seem profitable or not?

It will be a deplorable state of affairs if the reins of our government fall into the hands of men who are inclined to be destructive rather than constructive or who are so blind or ignorant or both that they would mar the developments and hinder the progress toward the realization of our dreams for ages past.

This is a serious question and these facts as set forth merit the careful consideration and investigation of all those who have the interest of our city in mind.

In closing I wish to admonish all those who seek to hinder our progress by endeavoring to stir up strife, by making statements regarding the extravagance of the administration which statements are erroneous and misleading, we will ask you to get out of our way, because we will see you trampled under the wheels of progress.

Young truly,
J. D. ARRINGTON.

RAIN OR SHINE
(Information furnished by A. W. Waddill, the radio man, 305 East Commerce St., Phone 553.)

U. S. Weather Bureau's A. M. Forecast for April 2, 1923:—

Mexia and Vicinity
Tonight and Tuesday unsettled with probably showers, continued warm tonight, minimum temperature about 60 degrees, colder by Tuesday night, moderate to fresh North-easterly winds. East Texas: tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably showers, warmer tonight. West Texas, tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably rain in Panhandle, colder in N. portion Tuesday.

Highway Weather Service
Highways are generally rough and bad in Eastern Texas and Southern Oklahoma. Many detours will be required. Road construction on extended trip settled weather.

Great Ocean Liners Now Have Real Modern Hospitals Aboard



Child receiving surgical treatment aboard the Conte Rosso

NOWADAYS hospitals on board ship are often found most scientifically equipped. Surgical and medical service is no longer a mere matter of first aid, for delicate operations are performed in the leading hospitals ashore. There are separate wards for men and for women, consulting room, prescription room, operating room and isolation ward all kept immaculately clean, with windows insuring perfect ventilation.

A recent incident which shows the value of these floating hospitals occurred when an American seaman on the Eastern King, a Shipping Board freighter, was transferred on the high seas in a critical condition to the fast Italian liner Conte Rosso, enroute from the Mediterranean, which was summoned by S. O. S. In thanking

Col. Dr. M. Serrati, American Representative of the Lloyd Sabaudo Line, owners of the Conte Rosso, W. J. Love, vice-president of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, states:

"I have been requested by the Chairman of the United States Shipping Board and the Trustees of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, owners of the Eastern King, to convey through you to the master of the Conte Rosso Captain Cav. Uff. Fulvio Cignoni and her surgeon, Dr. Giovanni Valenzi, their deep appreciation of the humanitarian services rendered by these gentlemen to a member of the crew of our Eastern King, and to further compliment the master of the Conte Rosso on his splendid seamanship and willing co-operation."



THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH—WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

Mexia Maintains Large Automobile Cylinder Re-grinding Plant Here

In his daily rounds of becoming acquainted with the many new business enterprises in Mexia, a representative of The News was shown through the plant of the Stuart Modern Grinding Company, located at 107 N. McKinney Street one day last week and found the business of automobile cylinder grinding interesting indeed and a business that is little known by the average motorist.

"No one knows so little about cylinder re-grinding as the average motorist," said Mr. Stuart. "Many of the repair men advocate it, but to the owner it still means an unnecessary operation. It is, however, so vitally important in helping the engine to function properly that careful thought and study should be given it by every driver."

"To have the motor run properly it is essential that the cylinders do not vary more than a .001 degree as to roundness, and the hole must be straight and absolutely square with the base of the cylinders. Otherwise there will be a noticeable loss of power and pep and excessive use of gas and oil. Out-of-round cylinders also cause piston slap, continual fouling of spark plugs and general troubles of all kinds. When the average motorist finds his car in this condition a visit to the repair shop or garage is made and quite often large sums spent for general overhauls only to find his motor in the same condition when again put up."

It is for this class of motor troubles that we have installed a big factory type cylinder regrinder and, by the way, there is not another town in Texas twice the population of Mexia who can boast of such a machine, in fact they are only found at this time in Dallas, Waco, Houston, and San Antonio, which indicates our faith in Mexia.

With this equipment it is of course necessary for us to maintain a large stock of pistons, pins, rings, bearings and a multitude of other motor parts for prompt service on any type of motor and a glance at our stock room today will show piston, pin and ring equipment for more than four hundred models and types of motor car engines—all to make our service complete."

NOTICE

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Vast Hidden Treasure In Old Mexico Hills

BY FREDERICK G. NEUMEIE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
MEXICO CITY.—Americans are prying into the mysteries of "Treasure Mountain."

High up in the Sierra Madre mountains, near the village of Cruz de Piedra, in the State of Mexico, Indians say is buried a large amount of gold and silver—treasure of brigands.

It is believed the treasure, if it exists, was stolen many years ago when gold and silver was carted overland from the Pacific Coast to Mexico City. It may be pirate gold, some say.

Headed by Adolfo Sandoval, the little group of Americans and Mexicans have begun efforts to find the missing treasure.

For many years Indians have told stories of the treasure hidden on top of the mountains, but these were believed to be legendary tales, until a few months ago when an old Indian attempted to cash a gold bar at a bank in a nearby city. The banker saw that the gold bar was not the kind now made and called in the police.

The old Indian told of the treasure which he said was enough to pay off the national debt of Mexico. He claimed that the story of the treasure was passed on to him by his father.

The Indian then led a group of officials on a hunt for the treasure. He told them to start digging at a certain point until they reached an underground marking stone. This they did and the stone was found. Then he told them to dig until they found a cross and the bones of two Indians who, he said, were killed by his father when he sealed the cave in which the treasure was placed. This was done and the bones were found.

But—and here the mystery deepens, the next morning the Indian had disappeared and, according to the story, has not been seen since. Attempts were made to find the treasure, but of no avail.

Sandoval and his small group of adventurers, however, believe that the old Indian's tale is true and they are prying into the mysteries of the "Treasure Mountain."

On account of the alarming increase in the use of rat poison for committing suicide, Japanese police and health authorities are seeking a poison which will kill the rodent pests and yet be harmless to human beings.

DID YOU KNOW THAT
Human speech calls for the exercise of 44 different muscles.

It is easier to get a divorce in Norway than in any other European country.

The area of Texas is more than double that of England, Scotland and Ireland combined.
The finger nails of a sick or ill-fed person do not grow as quickly as those of healthy people.

NEW ORLEANS.—Bob Meusel's triple drive in the run that beat Babe Ruth's team, 2 to 1, in an inter-family struggle of the New York Yanks. The Babe played first and didn't get a hit.

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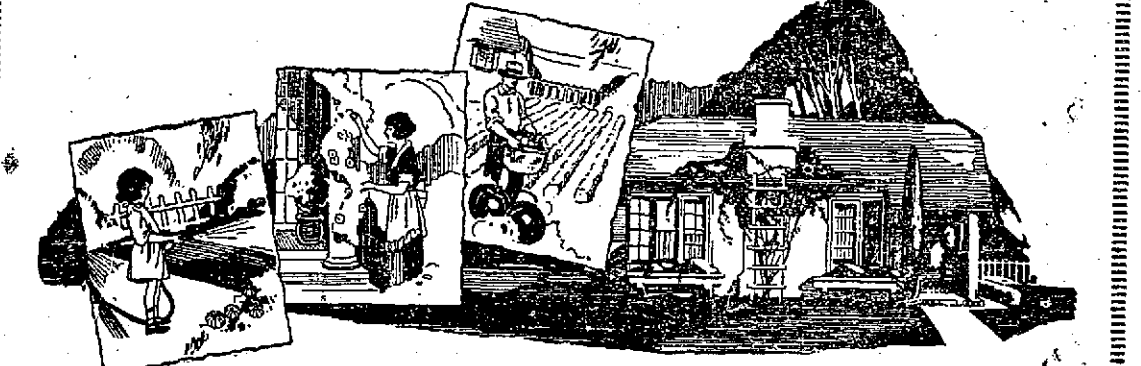
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Boundless Enthusiasm and Energy Of Mexia Citizens an Outstanding Virtue in Life of the Community

At the Salesmanship club last Wednesday, Mr. Stuart of the Stuart Auto Supply Company, delivered the following address on "What I Like and What I Don't Like About Mexia":

"Mr. President and Fellow Salesmen: "What I like and what I don't like about my home town seems to be a very popular subject at this time not only in our city, but in a great many other Texas cities and you have doubtless noticed that one of the leading daily publications of the State is devoting considerable space to a series of articles dealing with the subject, and exploiting the home town of the writer."

"I have read several of these articles and have been struck by the uniform manner in which each stresses the things that are good about his town in fact you could take any one of these articles I have read and by changing names apply it to any town or city in these United States and why not? For it is a trait of Americanism to love and cherish and see no evil in that place or section we call home."

"It is not the usual things found in most towns of our size that gives me material for a discussion of those things I like about Mexia but in making this statement I do not deny our usual city virtues begotten by a spirit of 100% loyalty to our God, our country, and our homes, and without which no city could exist even if endowed with ten times the resources of one of the largest oil fields yet discovered. It goes without saying that we as a city are indebted to the development of our oil resources for a greater part of our recent growth and with no effort on our part there will be a further growth in direct proportion to the advancement of the oil industry but Mexia if you please, is not content to face the future as purely the child of a natural resource but is continually reaching out for industrial enterprises, the obtaining of which will place her upon a solid rock foundation and guarantee her future as a city. It is the pursuance of this policy that I like best about Mexia. Show me any town similarly situated that will produce one-tenth the energy and enthusiasm for a worthy project industrial or civic that has been accorded every movement of such kind by Mexia."

"It is the Mexia spirit of confidence the boundless energy of her people and their ability to look upon misfortunes without wavering from their determination to make a city that soon instills in the new-comer the feeling that in addition to the usual city virtues before mentioned Mexia has something to offer better and greater than just an average town in which to do business."

"I am aware that there is room for improvement, an opportunity for a closer knitting of individual interests for the general good of all but these things are not material for an intelligent discussion of things I don't like; for with the forward march of progress in any city personal interests are soon laid aside and forgotten in the daily practice of co-operation and co-ordination, and such will be our experience."

"Even in touching upon what some might term the shortcomings of Mexia I am reminded of a story told to me a good many years ago. Two white rags or street cleaners, during the noon hour were sitting upon the curb of a city street discussing the sudden death of a fellow worker and for several minutes they were occupied in general praise of the late departed fellow as a worker and fellowman. After having repeated all of his many good traits there was a silence of several minutes each apparently deep in thought and then one spoke. "Yes, Ed was the best man I ever knew but George don't you think he was just a little weak when working around the corners?"

"Gentlemen, Mexia is not weak around the corners or in the blocks either and I like to look forward to the golden opportunity of working and living in a town that isn't weak around the corners."

They Like Fletcher In South America

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 2.—The welcome accorded to Henry P. Fletcher, head of the American delegation of the Pan-American conference, and his associates who are here to attend the sessions which opened here March 25 attests to the high esteem in which Fletcher is held by the Chileans and to his popularity in this country.

While it might be going far to state that an American diplomat is a "chilenophile" or a "phile" of any sort, the Chilean people entertain the sincere belief that Fletcher has a keen sympathetic understanding of their aims and interests, and his appointment to lead the American delegates was enthusiastically received here.

While it was considered that the popularity of Fletcher must have had some bearing in his selection, those interested in conference events are pleased that the chief American delegate is one who not only possesses a wide knowledge of Latin-American affairs through years of residence and diplomatic service, but that he has a perfect command of Spanish.

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, director-general of the Pan-American Union another American delegate, and probably one of the most experts American where South American affairs is concerned, is also well known and popular in Chile while the other American delegates are at least known here by reputation for their achievements at home.

CHILDHOOD JOYS IN "THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"

"The children coming home from school looked in at the open door."

Among the most beautiful scenes in the latest William Fox production, "The Village Blacksmith," based on Longfellow's immortal poem, are the above lines of the famous poet's song. It isn't a far cry to the days of our boyhood and girlhood. Some can easily remember the days when we, too, stopped at the door of the blacksmith shop and watched the smithy at work. How we were fascinated by the sparks which flew from the anvil as the blacksmith struck blow after blow upon the white hot iron! Those were the priceless days of our childhood days.

Now, sitting secure against the wintry winds and the summer showers, we think back to the days when we tramped off to school in the mornings through rain, sleet or snow, and how we wished we were grown up men and women so that we could stay at home by the warm fireside.

It was thoughts of these days that prompted Jack Ford, who produced the new Fox picture, to pay particular attention to the childhood episodes in the early part of the production. The remarkable acting of the child actors in these scenes will bring everyone back in dreams to their kid days.

"The Village Blacksmith" has been proclaimed one of the most human motion pictures of the decade.

"Swat the late and early fly, and there won't be any by and by." Clean Up Week, April 2-8.

"The season of closed windows is followed by the season of open graves." Clean Up Week, April 2-8.

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CALMNESS PUTS OVER THE BIG IDEA

Do you get excited when you become intensely interested? Enthusiasm is essential to success but not the variety of enthusiasm which causes a person to talk rapidly, wholly without the balance wheel of practical thought.

The kind of enthusiasm which really counts is the sort which permits of perfect control of the emotions yet is sufficiently strong to permit of full concentration on the subject.

There are persons with hobbies who cannot talk about them without getting wrought up to high tension so that they do little besides jabber.

So aroused they become that they give little heed, and no sound consideration, to what any other person may say.

When a man or a woman is discussing something particularly interesting to themselves and their eyes take on an excited expression, the face flushes, body becomes tense and the fingers work convulsively, there is a failure to create a favorable impression upon those with whom they speak.

It is the calm, sincere, thinking person who can put over a big idea.

The Groesbeck Journal says: "The fellow who made the memorable speech in the Arkansas Legislature opposing the changing of the name of Arkansas has descendants living in Groesbeck who oppose every progressive movement."

If they use the same sort of language that the Arkansas solon used we will have to refrain from printing their remarks because this is a home paper.

"WHILE OTHERS SLEEP"

FISHING TIME

Somewhat old summer's sweltering heat
Just makes us lazy as can be
We long to find some cool retreat
Where drop will come to mercury;
We mop our brow that's humid steam
The sun pours down a hundred-three
And puff and blow and think and dream
Of streamlet's verge neath shady tree.

From eight or nine to peep of moon
We feel and sweat the long day thru
Some folks chop in month of June
There nothing else a boy can do
But stretch and yawn with heat dis-

And then of when chill winter blew
For August time's the month of rest
Of love and dreams and labors few.

But sometimes joys come in disguise
Its like the bitter in the sweet
We oft have won the treasured prize
When heart was crushed with sad defeat;
So those old dog-days hath some charm
Tho' eyes are blur'd with dancing

The crops laid by down on the farm
The barn is full of corn and wheat.

When August comes in quivering glow
And sheeps the brow with salty brine
Its time to get your grubbing hoe
And search the lot for red-worm sign

For fishing's great down in the stream
And there the air is fresh and fine
You'll get a taste of life's sweet dream
With hook and pole and linen line.

Just take your pole and can of worms
And seek some cool, sequestered nook
Where some tall weeping willow forms
Its canopy o'er babbling brook;

Now spread yourself in that nice place
That place Old Sol long since for-
sook

And ere thy line can make its trace
A speckled trout has got your hook.

Out in the stream he makes a run
And now he darts back to the banks
The heat's forgot now with the fun
Of that trim beauty's lightning
pranks;
Out shoots his head in proud disdain
Now with his tail the bottom spansks
And when you reel him back again
His rapid glide your movement
flanks.

But soon he spends his magic force
And now you land him safe a-shore
This Marathon of streamlet's course
No more will dash its breakers o'er;
With this big trout on your fish-line
Spit on your bait a little more
Instead of one you'll soon have nine
Before the day you've got a score.

In that bright realm where thoughts
enhance
The pleasures of those days of old
When memory's vault its stores ad-
vance

The half that's never yet been told;
We'll sit beside that rippling stream
Beneath the weeping willow's fold
And watch the sun in spectral beam
Bedeck its tide with flecks of gold.

Ten thousand birds in sweet refrain
Bids welcome to that rippling stream
Old Sol may search the cooling plain
But there he's lost his scorching
gleam;

'Tis there we find that balmy breeze
That cools the brow that's humid
steam

And brings to life its joy and ease
And pictures real our sweetest
dream.

The rippling stream whose gentle flow
Chants on and on thy mystic rhyme
Where pinks and fragrant daisies grow
And paints thy dolls in art sublime;

To thy dear sports and menthy shades
Our thoughts are turned in August
time
Thy scenes from memory never fades
Thou sweet recluse from sunburnt
clime.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. Houe.

WITHOUT COMMENT

Oklahoma courts are improving. One has just held that an oil company can not drill for oil in a cemetery located in the Tonkawa oil field. It sometimes occurs that the cupid of man overreaches itself.—Terrell Transcript.

St. Louis is highly encouraged over the reports of prosperity in the South. As a great distributing center, that city will benefit from the improving conditions. But St. Louis should not forget that she has formidable rivals for the trade of the South now. Memphis, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth and Shreveport are attracting much of the trade that in former days has gone to St. Louis. These cities are growing at a tremendous rate, and each year adds to their importance as commercial centers. As a matter of fact, in many respects the trade territory of St. Louis is being gradually reduced. The greatest loss of this city lies in the development of manufacturing. It's down to a shipping center is already seriously imperiled by cities of the South and Southwest.—Houston Post.

David Lawrence says that Harding will have a high rate of living. The main reason for this is that he will be a very successful man. We'd feel awfully well to hear the Republicans explain some of the mysterious things that have happened under their administration. Such as the recent advance in sugar and the several other necessities protected by their iniquitous tariff.—Mineral Wells Index.

Somebody wants Jerusalem made the seat of the League of Nations. Well it could be done without increasing the Jerusalem insurance rates. The league isn't getting anything on fire.—Bonham News.

"If boys hate school," asks Collier of the Globe-Democrat, "what's the matter with it?" It means that the boy is all right and the school is all right. If the boy loves school, both should be carefully investigated. Something must be wrong with one or both.—Geo. Bailey in Houston Post.

The Dallas News gives space to a religious discussion, the basis for which is laid in the baptism of two penitents, both by immersion. One was baptized by a Baptist preacher and the other a Methodist preacher, and one grew up to be a Baptist and the other a Methodist. What appeared to bother the disputants in the argument referred to was that while both they were converted by the same God, they grew up in opposing beliefs. This question does not bother us at all. The different churches are all railroads professing to take their passengers to the same place. Some of us like the Baptist equipment and rolling stock best, and some the Methodist, the Presbyterian, the Christian and so on. But if they take us all to the same goal, what's the use of quibbling over these details of equipment? They all strike a hot box once in a while and experience a washout occasionally. "Jordan am a hard road to trubble" over any line.—Terrell Transcript.

And now they say that within a short time we will be seeing by wireless. We have seen this demonstrated already. After a fellow has had a few shots of hooch that is now being made he can see the whole African jungle in

one glimpse. And about one glimpse is all he wants.—Groesbeck Journal.

Of course it may not be important, but sometimes we wonder how the blind kitten finds its filling station.—Snap Shots.

The negro Roy Mitchell was given three death penalties inside of ten days and is likely to receive two more before this week is out. Of course, the higher courts are going to have their whack at these cases, and there is no telling what they are going to do with them but if only one is affirmed, Mitchell will get all that the law can do to him, and that is not anywhere near the punishment he deserves.—Riesel Rustler.

The Editor's Chair

A lawyer charges \$10 for ten minutes' conversation—the man insists on paying it. A doctor charges \$1 for a prescription and the patient says, "Oh, pshaw—is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100 and he is just perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or a wedding or a social function and spends three hours in writing it and tells lies and praises people till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant error or charges 5 cents straight for three extra papers he is a stingy cuss who never gets anything right and charges four times the price of city papers twice as large. In short, he is a confounded most-any-old thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man! How would you like to run a newspaper?—Exchange.

Abolition Of Fees Nets City \$1,424.13 In Two Offices Here

The following is a statement from the City Clerk's office issued, as of date, April 1, regarding the disbursements for the salaries of City Manager George W. Perkins and of City Attorney Chester H. Machen, and also of the fees paid in by them as Corporation Judge and City Attorney respectively during the past thirteen months:

12 months at \$416.67. \$5,418.71
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CORSICANA.—Herschel I. Smith, theatre proprietor of Wortham, near here, was killed when his automobile turned turtle near here late yesterday.

DENISON.—Homer Overturf, 24, was found dead on the back porch of his parents' home here. A pistol lay near his body. His failure to marry a girl to whom he had been engaged caused him to commit suicide, according to his father's belief.

DALLAS.—Mrs. J. G. Smythe, 27, died at a hospital here last night from burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open gas stove.

DENISON.—Godwin L. Blackford, president of the State National bank here, died at his home yesterday afternoon as he was seated at the dining table preparing to eat. Blackford had extensive interest, being vice-president of the K. O. & G. railroad, owner of a large racing stable and stockholder in several coal companies.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

BACK TO THE OLD VILLAGE

—JOE SAPPINGTON

A few days ago I stopped at the little village where thirty odd years ago I was a clerk in one of its stores. Times has wrought many changes in that little town and few indeed of the old landmarks have escaped its ravaging hands. The old store building where I clerked is still standing, but no longer occupied and the stranger passing through would give it but a fleeting glance. But to me, that old building now almost in ruins, is very dear, and the very sight of it stirred emotions within my breast gloriously sad and melancholy.

When I looked at the few remaining familiar scenes of a generation ago, tears came to my eyes. There stood in lonely grandeur Buck Dawson's old blacksmith shop, where we used to pitch horse shoes, discuss politics and religion and look at Buck's latest railroad chart he had marked on the wall with charcoal, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that the village was situated at the very point where at least three imaginary railroads converged. Then there was the old hitching rack leaning at half mast, that brought to memory the time Zack Hodge's mule became violently ill and the heroic remedies employed to save his life, but in spite of the combined efforts of the forty odd horse doctors present, the mule passed away.

Nothing but the ruins of the chimney remains to show where the old school house had stood. It was there one night at a railroad meeting that old Cap Foster and Uncle Mart Blevis disagreed as to the location of the depot of Buck's mythical railroads that was making a bee line for the village. Uncle Mart and old Cap owned farms on opposite sides adjoining the village and each wanted the depot located on his land. Old Cap it seems had taken time by the forelock by setting aside the ground for the depot and staking off the rest of his land into town lots which fact he boldly revealed that night in a speech. However, before he had concluded his remarks Uncle Mart was on his feet, and with clinched fists denounced old Cap in the severest terms and among other things called him a "darned old hog." "I've stood that darned old hog as long as I can," shouted Uncle Mart, "and I'm going to see to it that he don't manipulate this here railroad that's comin' here this time." It took nearly every able-bodied man present to hold the belligerents apart, and the meeting closed in wildest confusion.

But amidst these pleasant reveries came the thought that I was a stranger in the village where a generation ago I knew everybody and his dog. Not only the faces were strange, but the names had not a familiar sound, and to make matters worse, no one with whom I talked seemed to have the least interest in the pioneer of the old village, not even except myself. Surely I thought, everyone had heard of the fight that had took place not more than thirty five years ago between Dal Jenkins and Bill Spence, over the proper mode of baptism but when I relate the circumstances they all laughed in a mirthless sort of way and said they had never heard of it before. Then I told of the romance of Tom Douglass and Lucy Howard had taken place in that village the year Grover Cleveland was first elected president. Told how Tom had dashed up on his fiery steed and rushing into the house clasped Lucy in his arms just

before the fatal words were spoken that would make her the lawful wedded wife of his rival whom her father was forcing her to marry, and placing her behind him on his steed went with the speed of the wind, with her father and several of his hired men in hot pursuit, but succeeded in reaching the house of a minister who pronounced them man and wife, just as their pursuers burst in at the door. And to think not a solitary cuss in that village had ever heard of the romantic marriage of Tom Douglass and Lucy Howard. One of the listeners wanted to know what picture show I got that story from, which goes to show what little respect the young people of this generation have for their elders.

WE MUST NOT FORGET

SOME CREDIT IS DUE HIM
WHO LIVES FOR HIS COUNTRY
By Justice F. E. Thompson, Illinois
Supreme Court

In contrast to the men of learning and vision and high principle of the early years of our national life we now find infesting the halls of congress and polluting other high places, counterfeit patriots, demagogues and hypocrites. In my opinion, the greatest menace to the continuance of popular government is this particular variety of varmint. He is the curse of both political parties and is found in every department of our government, local, state and national.

There is just one remedy for this evil, and that is that every citizen become a politician. We have too many political slackers in this country, too many voters suffering from dry rot. We hear too often of the individual who is successful in his private business, but who is too busy to give any time to the business of the government. It is glorious to die for one's country and all praises to him who makes the supreme sacrifice. But in our praise for the dead we must not forget that some credit is due him who lives for his country. Unless more people begin to live for their country they will soon have none for which to die.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES

NEW ORLEANS.—Vance and Schreiber, Brooklyn pitchers, fanned Babe Ruth three times and got him twice on infield chances while the Robins were beating the Yanks 5 to 2.

HOT SPRINGS.—The pirate slug-gers got 16 hits, for a total of 25 bases but Calson weakened and the Red Sox won, 10 to 9.

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Manager Cobb will send his Detroit Tigers to bat against the Toronto Internationals today. The team was idle yesterday.

LAKE LAND.—Two more games are to be played by Speaker's tribe before they break camp for the trip north. Today they meet the Lakeland State eLaguers in a benefit game and Tuesday the Boston Braves at Petersburg.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Chicago Cubs are enroute to El Paso today and will play there Tuesday. The Cubs lost two games here yesterday as a farewell to the Pacific Coast.

WACO.—A pitching duel between Appleton and Bryan on the side of

the Steers and O. Hill R. Hill and Schmid for the Waco Indians, of the Texas Association here yesterday resulted in a 1 to 0 victory for the Dallas team.

SHERMAN.—Under the chaperonage of Snipe Conley, another division of the Dallas Steers invaded Sherman yesterday and defeated the Sherman Red Sox 8 to 6. Swartz and Davenport hurled for the invaders.

WICHITA FALLS.—Wichita Falls took the last game of the series from the Tulsa Oilers. Wheeler and Darrow hurled the Spudders into a 7 to 4 victory.

CORSICANA.—Arguijo and Edgar, hurling for the Gumbo Busters of the Texas Association, allowed no man of the Dallas Cotton Exchange ball team to reach second base in a one-sided fence busting contest here yesterday. The score was 10 to 0.

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Letters from People

SUB-IRRIGATION

Times and methods of farming have changed so much from what they used to be that some method of cultivating the soil will have to be put forward to make agriculture more attractive to the growing generation. The old plan of farming is fast becoming an eyesore to the young generation that they naturally look to some more interesting pursuits in life. The profits from the soil have vanished until the average youngster can only see failure in farming. Intensive farming will have to be the slogan if this country expects to go ahead and become a self-supporting one. That the ground does not produce as much as it used to cannot be denied, and there is a reason for this. Agriculture has had to get along the best it could under any and every condition put upon it in this rush for supremacy in this living world. To destroy agriculture would be a fatal calamity to this Nation or any other Nation as to that, and much of our present distress can be laid to the lack of fostering and encouraging this branch of our industry. That the lack of moisture has had a great deal to do with this discouragement cannot be denied, and once discouraged it is hard to get people to see anything but failure in whatever they undertake to do.

Sub-irrigation and fertilization is the only true methods that the soil can be brought back to its high state of cultivation and many are the successful efforts of this system. We only have to look about a bit to prove this and, read the Agricultural papers.

Many people hold up their hands in horror when we talk of sub-irrigating other than level land. Some of the most successful sub-irrigated tracts of land are far from being level. Any ground, no matter how uneven, has a contour or level line running through it that very porous pipes made of cement and sand could be laid and convey water to any part of the tract. This is done by selecting the highest point of the ground for the use of supply and running pipes on a level to a point where it will be desirable to change the course and then dropping down to lower level until the land has been covered at such distances as the soil will allow percolation from the pipes to feed the crops. By actual practice these distances have been as follows:

For black waxy soil nine feet apart has been found successful. For a more sandy alluvial soil eleven feet and a loose soil very alluvial thirteen feet have been found successful. The state of the soils has quite a bit to do with the success of the plant, and it would be money well spent to have a soil expert examine the soil and give information as to the distances the pipes should be laid. There is another important feature to a sub-irrigated field that does not lay level and this is: when it is desired to drop from one level to another trap should be placed at the highest level to prevent the water from being wasted. When the top row is filled the water overflows to the next level and so on to the last level thus leaving all the pipes full of water to do its work. There have been some failures because of not placing this trap in the lines when the ground was not level enough to let the water flow and stand in all of them.

The amount of water necessary for sub-irrigation is about one fifth of the top or open ditch irrigation. There are very few farms that could not afford water, as it is not necessary to keep the water flowing continually into the pipes. In very dry times about twice a week is ample and after the pipes are filled there is plenty of time to recuperate the water supply. On level ground there should be a drainage provided as an attraction for the water as it will flow much better if the air can be expelled from the pipes and give it free access. One little system in operation will provide plenty of education and the more study the better results are obtained.

The sizes of the concrete pipes should be about three inches inside measurement and should be made as dry as the cement and sand will congeal and become hard enough to remove from the molds. This is for the purpose of making the pipes as porous as it is thought to be necessary. These pipes should be laid about

fourteen inches under the ground from their tops so as not to disturb them while cultivating. They should be laid level on each line and cemented at the joints to hold them in place. Enough water will go through the pipes to feed the vegetation without leaving the joints without cementing. These pipes can be made at odd spells by taking a piece of two and one half inch gas pipe and a five inch stove pipe for the molds, and placing them on a smooth surface, tamping the aggregate lightly and removing the core or gas pipe before the cement sets too firmly, then set the form away until it becomes hard enough to handle. Two cores and two dozen outer forms will keep anyone busy all day making the pipes. The outer form is not grooved but held in place by wire rings that can be removed when the cement is hard enough to handle.

The cost of sub-irrigation varies according to what process of making and laying the pipes is adopted and runs from \$100 to \$175 per acre. One party in conversation with the writer says: "Lor-a-mercy, that's more than my land cost." What if it is? If you can spend one hundred dollars per acre on your land and make it worth seven or eight hundred dollars, as has been the case, is the expense worth it to say nothing of a sure crop and a larger crop every year no matter how dry. If two bales of cotton can be raised on an acre instead of one fourth bale and, sometimes not that much you could make ten acres do what you are trying to do with 80 acres now and would not have to work as hard. In other words more ground could be put into pasture and more stock raised on each farm and could be done so much easier than the old way of doing things. A few miles could be raised and you would not have to go to Missouri for your mules but, could sell some to your neighbors. That some system of farming much different from the present system must be put in operation in this Sunny South cannot be denied and the sooner it is done the better if we would escape from the awful calamity King Tut fell into.

The laws of the city could be irrigated and made to blossom as a rose garden the year round.

W. W. Roake.

COTTON MILL SITUATION

Mr. A. Garland Adair, Editor, Mexia Daily News, Mexia, Texas.

Dear Mr. Adair:

I have just read with interest an article printed in the Southern Opportunities Magazine, published from my native state, Alabama, and in as much as it touches on the Cotton Mill situation, I thought that it would interest Mexia citizens. After you have read the article which it hereto attached, if in your opinion it is worth while, I would thank you to give space in your publication at an early date that those interested in a Cotton Mill for Mexia may acquaint themselves a little further along the lines of why the South is drawing these industries in this direction.

The article is as follows:

"Movement of textile mills from the

north to the south continues at a very encouraging rate. In fact, our own southern people do not fully appreciate the extent of this movement and the opportunity that is now before them to secure branches of some of the largest New England mills seeking southern locations.

Only of recent date H. C. Meserve, Secretary of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, with headquarters in Boston, gave out a statement to the Associated Press, to the effect that certain textile companies had stated that they would make no further appropriations for enlargements of plants in New England States, and with the implication that in future all improvements, and appropriations for enlargements would go to southern branches.

There are numerous advantages offered in the south which have attracted these mills, the principal of which is the lower cost of production.

Recently a Boston Banker, Alston H. Gerside, who is industrial service manager for the Merchants National Bank of that city, gave out an analysis of conditions which existed north and south which show an astonishing breadth between conditions in the two sections. Mr. Gerside's analysis appeared in a recent issue of the New York Journal of Commerce, and since the authority is one closely identified with mill conditions in the north, it must be accepted as fairly representing the averages in the two sections.

Southern Opportunities believes that the article of Mr. Gerside is one that should be published in all southern communities which are looking after those industries, since it indicates that these communities most active will be beneficiaries. The analysis is quoted as follows:

"It is common knowledge that the cotton mills of the south have been more active than the north during the past year, but the probabilities are that few in the trade realize how wide has been the spread between the two sections of the cotton manufacturing industry in the extent of their operations.

An analysis of government statistics show that in the first ten months of the year the cotton spindles of the south ran on an average 90 per cent more time than the spindles of the north. The southern spindles operated an average of 2,615 hours, while the northern spindles ran only 1,617 hours.

The southern mills with a normal working day average of 10.2 hours, ran on an average at 110 per cent normal, while the northern mills, with a normal day of only nine hours, ran at only 77 per cent of normal. The average for the country as a whole was about 94 per cent.

In other words, the southern mills not only run their longer regular working day but supplemented it with a great amount of night work, while the northern mills averaged to run only about three fourths of their shorter day schedule.

The extraordinary difference between mill activity in the south and in the north is further brought out by a comparison of the total number of spindle hours that the two sections

of the country operated. In the first ten months of the year the southern mills operated about 42,000,000,000 spindle hours, while the northern mills ran only 34,000,000,000, although the southern mills have only about 16,000,000 spindles while the northern mills have approximately 21,000,000. In other words, the southern mills, with 24 per cent less spindles than the north, ran 24 per cent more spindle hours.

The difference between the two sections of the industry as here shown are not open to question, as they are made from reports made monthly to the bureau of census by every mill in the country. These reports are active and idle spindle hours, originated by the census bureau in September, 1921 now give a line of statistical information that was greatly missed for many years.

It is no longer necessary for the trade to base its ideas of mill activity on the more or less unsatisfactory index furnished by consumption of raw material. The figures of spindle hours show accurately the fluctuation in mill operation, not only in the industry, but in the various states.

A number of factors have contributed to produce the difference between the north and south. It has been partly the result of labor difficulties in New England mills, arising from efforts of manufacturers to reduce manufacturing cost by lowering wage rates and increasing working hours. This however, has not been the major factor in the situation, as is shown by the fact that the same condition prevailed to a marked extent in the closing months of 1921, before the labor difficulties in New England began.

In November, 1921, the southern spindles ran, on an average of 252 hours, against 177 for the northern spindles, and in December 289 against 188. Moreover in October of this year when most of the labor difficulties had been cleared up, the southern spindles averaged 284 hours, against 177 for the northern mills.

The curtailment of mill operations in the north, coincident with overtime in the south, has been primarily due to the higher operating cost in the north, these being in turn the result of higher wage rates, higher fuel and transportation cost, heavier taxes, shorter working hours and legislative restrictions of many kinds.

As to legislative restrictions, it may be pointed out, for example that the practice of some southern mills to run day and night is not generally practicable in Massachusetts because of laws in that state which prohibit the

employment of women and minors on night shift.

There is no doubt room for difference of opinion as to the relative importance of the various factors that have produced this unbalanced state in the industry, but there can be no denying the fact that all the factors taken together have constituted a great handicap to the northern mills.


It is obvious that the conditions with which the northern manufacturers have had to deal have been far more difficult than those confronting the southern manufacturers. The facts seem to indicate that in times when there is not enough business to keep all cotton mills of the country fully engaged the southern mills with their lower cost, are in a position to take by far the greater part of the business that is offered, and the northern mills get what is left.

The northern mills, it would appear, are in somewhat the same position as a copper mine whose cost of production is 14 to 15 cents competing with a mine which can produce the metal for 10 or 11 cents with the market at 14 cents.

If the high cost mine is needed to supply the world's needs in normal times, it is bound to stay in business, but it suffers first and most in times of depression, and it does not enjoy as great prosperity of business activity as its competitor.

To the reader: If the above analysis be true, and there is no doubt in my mind that every word is true, then it is very gratifying indeed to know that the south is forging right ahead, and

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WHO WAS THE SISSY

A boy on his way back to the reformatory at Boonville writes a letter of advice to the boys and girls of Kansas City. He urges them to stay off the streets and mind their fathers and mothers.

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So he did. Now he has learned that he was the one that did not know life. The old-fogey was not wise ones. They knew what they were talking about and it was not goody, goody stuff, it was plain, hard sense. He believed he was hard boiled and that the people who advised him were sissies. Now he knows they were hard boiled and he was the sissy. It would have saved him trouble and disgrace if he had been willing to learn from the experience of others. But he insisted on finding out for himself. Many young men and women insist on doing the same thing. It is a pretty wasteful process, and sends a lot of them into the discard.—Kansas City Star.



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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION
NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

SCENE IN 'THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH' ACCLAIMED BY NEW YORK AS TRIUMPH

If it's a thrill you're looking for you can get it when the William Fox special production, "The Village Blacksmith," opens at the National Theatre tomorrow. In this monster production which critics have acclaimed as the greatest picture of American home life since "Over the Hill," William Fox has provided a thrill that will steel the hardest heart and make gooseflesh appear in profusion. It is a real honest-to-goodness train wreck.

In line with the Fox policy of providing every element of the motion picture in each production, the train wreck was devised. New York critics have acclaimed it as one of the greatest thrill scenes ever shown on the silver screen.

Several flashes are shown of the speedy Sunset Limited traveling at a rate of sixty miles an hour. The local train which stops at way stations is shown. It is apparent that the local train which stops on the crossing is certain to be hit by the express which is traveling with lightning like celerity. Attempts are made to flag the express, but—too late. The trains come together with a terrific crash, and when the debris is cleared away the injured body of the eldest of the "Village Blacksmith's" sons is found pinned under the wreckage. Although severely injured, he is given immediate medical attention and soon recovers. The wreck is one of the most realistic ever shown on the screen. One train of six cars and another of four were used. Both trains were utterly destroyed.

WHIZ BANG REVUE AT THE OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

Manager Bevering of the Opera House announced Saturday that during the coming week Mexia will see one of the best shows of the season. Marshall Walker and his "Whiz Bang Revue" will be at the Opera House all the week and promise some interesting entertainment for theatre-goers in Mexia.

They have just completed a sixteen week engagement at Houston where they went after a play of twenty-seven weeks at one house in Port Arthur. After their engagement is completed here they will then go to Dallas for a twenty week stay at one of the leading play houses of that city.

MELODRAMA BASED ON LONGFELLOW'S POEM TO BE SHOWN HERE SOON

On Monday Manager Box of the National Theatre will show for the first time on any local screen a picture of a Longfellow's beloved poem, "The Village Blacksmith." With this presentation William Fox, the producer, forges another link in his impressive chain of productions inspired by the classics of literature whose outstanding contributions have been "Les Miserables," "A Tale of Two Cities," "The Scarlet Letter," "Evangeline," "Monte Cristo" and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." Jack Ford directed the picture and Paul H. Sloane is responsible for the scenario. The production enlists the services of a notable company headed by William Walling, Virginia Valli, Tully Marshall, Bessie Love, George Hackathorne, Lon Poff, David Butler and Ralph Yearsley.

A BILL ENTITLED S. B. NO. 129

By Senator Doyle
An act to create the 87th Judicial District Court in the counties of Limestone and Freestone in the state of Texas, in addition to the 77th District Court now existing in said counties; to provide for the terms and jurisdiction thereof in said counties and for grand juries in said counties; for the appointment of a district judge and a district attorney of said court and providing for their duties, and for the duties of county attorneys in said counties with respect to said court; for the transfer of causes from the docket of the court so created to the docket of the 77th District Court and from the docket of the 77th District Court to the court hereby created in said counties, so as to expedite the trial of causes and equalize the dockets; to provide for the clerk of said court in said counties and for the filing of causes and the preparation of dockets, and for the prosecution of criminal causes in said court in said counties by the district attorney of said court, and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties, and likewise for the prosecution of causes in the 77th District Court by the district attorney of the 87th District Court, and in his absence by the county attorney of the respective counties, making process now issued valid and binding to said court with other provisions, and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the counties of Limestone and Freestone shall hereafter constitute the 87 Judicial District, in addition to the 77th Judicial District now existing in said counties; and the terms of the District Court of the 87th District shall be held therein each year as follows:

In the county of Limestone, beginning on the first Mondays in February, May, August and November and shall each continue in session eight weeks.

court, and in his absence the County Attorneys of Limestone county and Freestone county, respectively, shall act as such prosecuting attorney, and where the county attorney of either of said counties shall act in either court, as provided for, he shall receive for his services such fees and emoluments as are now provided by law for like services of county attorneys throughout the state.

Section 2. The crowded condition of the dockets of the 77th District Court in Limestone and Freestone counties are such that they deny to all litigants the rights of a speedy trial, and the same creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity which requires that the constitutional rule providing that bills be read on three several days in each house be suspended and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Firemen Honor Dog That Died In The Service

HOUSTON, Texas, April 2.—The headstone from "Tom's" grave is to occupy a position of honor in the new police and fire department building erected here, according to Fire Chief Ollre.

Tom was just a dog, a mangy little pup without a hair on his body when he was picked up off the streets by a big-beater fireman and adopted by the department.

But that was more than ten years ago. Tom died Jan. 31, 1913, according to the inscription on the tombstone. There are a few firemen on the job who still remember Tom, however.

Tom was the only Houston dog that ever had an annual pass on the street cars. The pass was a brass collar plate directing all conductors to pass the dog on any line.

No one owned Tom, nor did he belong to any one station. Anyone who wore a fireman's uniform was his friend but he would have little to do with a civilian or a fireman out of uniform. He could distinguish between a fireman and a policeman just as he could tell the fire telephone from the office phone.

He stayed at each station one week and when the week was up he would trot out and hop on a street car and go to another station. He knew how to get to every station.

For six years he followed the trucks until one day one of the heavy fire trucks skidded and crushed him to death.

All available members of the fire department attended the funeral which was the most impressive ever held for a dog in Harris county, according to the men who still remember the occasion.

Tom's remains were placed in a white, plush lined casket, donated by a local undertaking establishment and lowered into a grave while the firemen stood with bared heads and mourned his passing.

Port Arthur Man Gives Jiggs An Idea Worth While

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, April 2.—When police raided a residence here in search of liquor and found a dice game in full swing, it was the logical thing for them to take the participants in charge and hustle them off to the "hoosegow." They did the logical thing.

As the party started out the door with the officers, the host's wife called from above, "where are you going James?"

"To the movie m' dear," was the quick reply.

The officers, however, are positive that if the men went to a movie, they waited until the next day at least.

Neighbor Passes The Hat For A Fatherless Family

W. R. eBene, acting the part of a good neighbor, is passing the hat today for a fund to assist Mrs. John Dobson and her four little children in going to Oklahoma, where relatives reside and where she believes she will be able to make a living for herself and family. Mr. Dobson succumbed last week to an attack of pneumonia and was laid to rest at the local cemetery, the Salvation Army administering in the last sad hours. The Envoy Joe S. Hopper had known the struggle that Mr. Dobson was making and was at the bedside many times during the last illness of the man. Neighbors made up a batch of groceries and sent them. Anyone desiring to assist them may hand their contribution to either Mr. or Mrs. Hopper of the Salvation Army and it will be turned over to the widow immediately.

"He who cures disease renders a great service" but he who prevents it is greater." Clean Up Week, April 2-8.

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Born a Slave, Negro Professor Gains High Honors in Research

TUSKEGEE, Ala., March 31.—From slavery to a Fellow in the Royal Society of Great Britain.

Thus in one brief sentence sums up the life of Professor George W. Carver, negro, head of the department of agricultural research at Tuskegee Institute here.

Carver by his research work has gained nation wide prominence in chemical circles. Through his experiments, carried on over a period of twenty years or more, he has developed scores of by-products from the principal crops of the South.

He is principally noted for his products developed from peanuts and sweet potatoes and for his cold water paints and stains, developed from Georgia clay. He has developed 163 by-products from peanuts, 115 from sweet potatoes, and 85 from pecans.

Born on the plantation of Colonel George W. Carver near Neosho, Mo., towards the close of the Civil War, the negro who was later destined to go higher than any other member of his race in scientific circles, was kidnapped with his mother at the age of two weeks.

Exchanged for Horse
Colonel Carver, incensed over the raid on his plantation offered a reward of \$500 and forty acres of land for the return of his slaves. Baby George was returned in exchange for the race horse, while his mother was sold when the marauders found they could drive a better bargain.

The baby negro was taken back into the life of the plantation and was raised by the Carvers until he reached manhood. Later in his late twenties (Carver does not know his exact age) he entered Ames College in Iowa and after winning his B. S. and B. A. degrees took several post graduate courses in chemistry and science.

Since then he has devoted his life to experimenting in by-products of various products of the South and in the development of water colors and paints from George Clay. He first accepted a position on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute as head of the department of agriculture but was later elevated to the head of the department of agricultural research.

Honor Unsolicited
Though membership in the Royal Society of Great Britain is an honor cherished by scientists above all others Carver doesn't even know how he was elected to membership.

"Maybe it was Sir Henry Johnson," Carver said.

Sir Henry, while touring this country several years ago, spent a large portion of his time at the Institute here and became deeply interested in the work of the ex-slave. It is believed he proposed Carver's name for membership, which was accepted.

In 1918 Carver addressed Congress on the subject of a higher tariff on peanuts and succeeded in raising the rate from \$40 a ton to \$180, a great service to growers of the South.

Carver has been closely associated

with the national department of agriculture for years and was a warm friend of the late president Roosevelt.

Many Children In Schools Have Physical Defects

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—That many school children have physical defects of which their parents are ignorant is shown by the report of Miss Eloise Berry, health and nutrition specialist of the home economics extension division of the University of Texas. Miss Berry has just completed an examination of 160 school children of Temple and Belton in cooperation with Miss Arnie McDonald, the public health nurse of Bell County. Out of one class of 40 children there were 37 cases of bad tonsils, it is stated. The cases were reported to

the parents and corrections were made.

Carrying out the regular health and nutrition work, as planned for one month by the home economics extension division, Miss Berry weighed and measured the children, had them examined by competent physicians, distributed health charts with explanation for their use, and conducted health and nutrition classes for the children, parents and teachers. Miss McDonald, public health nurse, will continue the health program in the schools, and will keep a record of the progress made by each child. Efforts are being made to combat malnutrition through correction of physical defects, and recommendation of proper diets. Attention of parents and teachers is called to cases of underweight among the children in order that measures may be taken to improve them.

TORONTO, Can.: There are 900 motion picture theaters in Canada, representing \$30,000,000 investment.

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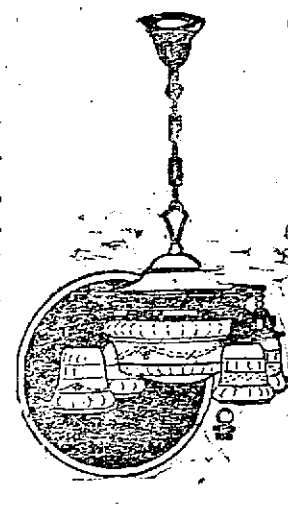
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TEXAS TABLOIDS

(By United Press)

TEXARKANA.—Robert D. Newton, 27, of Camden, Ark., died at a local hospital from hemorrhage of the nose, caused by a violent fit of sneezing with which he was seized a week ago.

AUSTIN.—Lon D. Morgan, former chief clerk of the state treasury, was convicted yesterday of the second count growing out of his alleged embezzlement of \$40,000 of public funds. He was given two years imprisonment. Previously he had been convicted on another count and given a similar sentence. Several other indictments against him are pending.

AUSTIN.—Warrants totalling \$300,000 were expected to be cashed at the state treasury today by the state prison commission, following a ruling the attorney general's department late yesterday that warrants up to \$600,000—the amount of the prison system appropriation by the last legislature—could be cashed. The general revenue, which was placed on a deficiency basis yesterday by \$3,000,000 being transferred to the available school fund, can only take care of \$300,000, it was made known.

EL PASO.—The distinguished service medal was yesterday presented Mary E. Sheehan, chief nurse at the William Beaumont hospital at Fort Bliss, here, for meritorious service in the Vichy hospital area with the American army in France. Miss Sheehan is the third officer to hold D. S. C. here. The others are Major General Robert L. Howze and M. A. W. Shockey.

WACO.—Lowe Newton, alias J. A. Martin, white, convicted thief and burglar, sentenced to 32 years imprisonment, committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor in the county jail here yesterday.

HILLSBORO.—Leslie L. Rhine, brakeman, was killed when the caboose in which he was riding struck a car on a siding in the Missouri, Kansas & Texas yards here, and was tele-scoped.

Judge (to defendant)—"Do you want to challenge any member of the jury?" Ex-Prizefighter—"Ah, ain't feelin' jes' right, Judge, but ah don't mind goin' a couple of round's with that fat gemmum in the co'ner."—Life.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL HOUSE BOND ELECTION IN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS.

The State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of April, A. D. 1923, at Woodland school house in Common School District No. 37 of Limestone County, Texas, as established by order of the Commissioners' court of Limestone County, Texas, dated the 17th day of February, A. D. 1908, and as corrected by order of said court on 8th day of May, 1911, which is of record in Volume Book F, Page 323 as reestablished and defined by order of Commissioners' court on 8th day of May, 1911 in Limestone County, Texas, to determine whether or not a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of said district desire the issuance of bonds, numbered consecutively from one to twenty four, inclusive, of the denomination of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars each, aggregating Twenty Four Thousand (\$24,000.00) Dollars to bear interest at the rate of 5% per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, said bonds to be payable serially, as follows:

Four of said bonds in five years after their date;
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Four of said bonds in fifteen years after their date;
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H. D. Abner is hereby appointed presiding officer for said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within 5 days after said election shall have been held, make due return thereof to the Commissioners' court of Limestone County, Texas, as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue said bonds and levy the tax in payment thereof, or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order dated the 16th day of March, A. D. 1923, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated this 16th day of March, A. D. 1923.

Whit Popejoy

Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

The State of Texas, County of Limestone

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of April, 1923 at Woodland school house in Common School District No. 37 of this county as established by order of the commissioners' court of Limestone County, Texas, of the date 17th day of Feb., 1908, which is of record in Book F, Page 323 to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of this district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund appropriated to said district and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess, and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of (b) 100 cent on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purposes.

W. H. Arbuckle has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held make due return thereof to the commissioners' court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

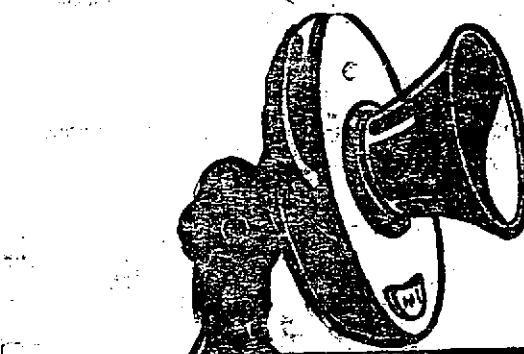
All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and



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421, of the Employers Lien records of Limestone County, Texas, which said lien is made a part of Plaintiff petition for all purposes; that said lien constitutes a valid incumbrance upon the property above set out and all improvements placed on said property.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, that upon a trial hereof plaintiff have judgement for its debt of \$8983.63, interest, costs of suit, and for foreclosure of its said lien, and an order of sale directing that said property be sold and the proceeds be applied to said debt, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and in equity to which plaintiff may be entitled.

Herein Fail Not, and have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Groesbeck, Texas, this 16th day of March, A. D. 1923.

JOHNSON WAKEFIELD,
Clerk, District Court,
Limestone County.
By RUTH WIMBISH, Deputy.
22-29-5-12.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION STATE OF TEXAS,

Limestone County, City of Mexia. By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mexia, Texas, notice is hereby given that a general election will be held on the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1923, in and within the boundaries of the City of Mexia, Texas, at the City Hall in said City, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners for said City, each of whom shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

And W. O. Miller is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election, and he shall select two Judges and two Clerks to assist him in holding the same; and said election shall be held in the manner prescribed by law for holding other elections.

In testimony whereof witness my official signature this 1st day of March, A. D. 1923.

E. WATSON, Mayor,
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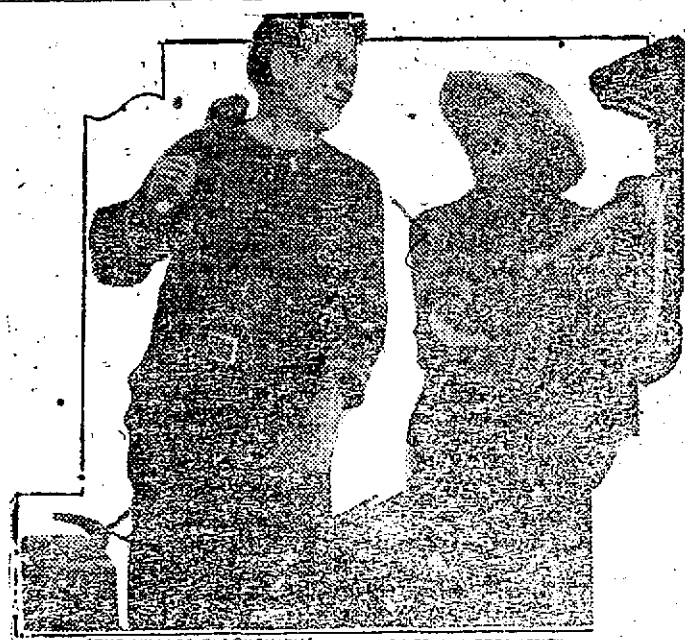
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"THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH," WILLIAM FOX SPECIAL PRODUCTION

NATIONAL THEATRE MONDAY

REMARKABLE CAST SEEN IN
"THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"

In the moving picture industry there are a number of good books published. Several of these books are considered really "Blue Books" of the industry. If one were to glance over the list of the cast of the latest William Fox production, "The Village Blacksmith," one would certainly think they were reading one of the ultra "Blue Books."

This admirable cast is headed by William Walling, who portrays the role of the blacksmith. Walling is one of the most capable actors on the screen. He has been acclaimed by both press and public as an artist of the first water because of his excellent portrayal of the part.

In the order named on the program next appears the name of Virginia True Boardman. Miss Boardman, while only a young woman, has been portraying leading roles on the screen for a number of years. She is exceedingly capable and her portrayal of the blacksmith's wife is really a work of art.

"Virginia Valli, whose name appears next on the list, is well known to the movie fans from coast to coast. She is the daughter of the blacksmith in the main part of the picture. During the earlier scenes of the production Ida Nan McKenzie, one of the best child actresses on the screen, plays the role in the early portion of the production.

Bill, the elder son of the leading character, is portrayed by Dave Butler. Gordon Griffith, as Bill when he was a boy, has made his part stand out and has been hailed as a coming star.

To set down the rest of the characters and give slight details as to their work would require more space than can be afforded. Each member of the cast, however, is well known to moving picture audiences from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The cast includes: George Hackathorne, Pat Moore, Tully Marshall, Caroline Rankin, Ralph Yeaders, Henri de la Garrique, Francis Ford, Bessie Love, Mark Fenton, Lon Poff, Cordelia Callahan, Eddie Gribbon and Lucille Hutten.

Under the able direction of Jack Ford this admirable cast has made a production that will not be equalled in many a day in the motion picture industry.

FOR RENT—one side of Duplex house. W. D. Hight, 729 E. Commerce st., Phone 422 or 228. 2d3J

Local News

The blatter at the police station this morning shows only two arrests made Sunday, one drunk and fighting and one fighting.

Chief Albert Mace had business in Groesbeck today.

Miss Ora Phillips has returned from Baylor University, having finished her studies. She finished the four years course in three and a half years, but will not get her degree until June of this year, at the closing of the term.

Leland Phillips was over from Baylor University the past few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star tonight. Please be on time as there is important business to be transacted. —W. M.

"That was an awful doleful sermon the minister preached this mornin'! What a text—'Here Today and Gone Tomorrow.' " "Ay, it's trouble wif their servants that's got on his mind; they've had six in as many weeks." —Passing Show.

The epinorias, a gigantic extinct feathered monster which formerly inhabited Madagascar laid an egg as big as a small beer barrel, its contents being equal to those of about 200 hen's eggs.

L. S. Patterson had business in Waco today.

Deputy Constable Wright gathered in three men and some booze out on the Thruway road Sunday and brought in his catch.

The street pavers went to work this morning topping Benham street working north from Main street and will continue, weather permitting, until this street and Canton are finished.

Regular meeting of the Knights Templar tomorrow night and all members are urged to attend, as well as visitors. —E. C.

SEQUIN.—When a rainstorm kept the White Sox from working outdoors, 200 bales of cotton were removed from a cotton warehouse so that pitchers could keep their arms limbered up.

DRESSING THE PART IS SECRET OF
CHARM FOR MILKMAID OR DEBUTANT

"BEING A MILKING GIRL," SHE SAID

CHICAGO.—The well-dressed woman, whether she sits in a box at the opera or milks a cow on a farm, is, according to an artist who is teaching dress designing in a Chicago technical high school, the one who dresses the part.

"This is something the French woman understands perfectly," this teacher told one of her classes. "It is something the woman on America's Main Street is learning. The costume that is stunning at Deauville or Cannes would be absurd on the shaded streets of a little mid-west town on a May morning.

"It is not a matter of degree but of kind. The woman going briskly about her marketing with a basket on her arm may be just as artistic and lovely as the one who is sitting on a big hotel veranda. If you don't believe it, go to the theatre and see some play in which the innocent little village girl crowds the sophisticated city vamp clear out of the spotlight.

"Then go home and make yourself a straight-line frock of flowered cloth or plaid gingham. Get a brim that

drapes a little over the eyes and trim it with daisies or cornflowers according to the color of your frock. Draw on a pair of Burson's cotton or mercerized hose, that are seamless and fitted in the knitting after the fashion of those your grandmother used to knit on needles, and a lightweight pair of oxfords with medium low heels. Shoes and stockings may be of tan or black.

"Then take your market basket and trip down town, and if you get a glimpse of yourself reflected in some shop window you will see how perfectly you are a part of the picture. You are dressed for the part, and therefore, well dressed."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY, CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE FOR YEAR, 1922:

Numerical	1921	1922
Number of Churches	1,145	1,208
Number of church members	43,703	48,118
Number of members Y. P. S.	8,661	10,864
Number of members of Sunday school	64,738	74,481
Number of S. S. Teachers and Officers	8,015	9,230
Number of Members W. M. S.	3,637	5,329
Number of Elders	945	1,028
Number of Licensed Ministers	866	1,004
Number of Licensed Deaconesses	175	152
Number of Consecrated Deaconesses	178	220
Number of S. S. Superintendents	1,040	1,112
Number of Presidents Y. P. S.	335	445
Number of Commissioned Evangelists	279	252
Number of Elected Delegates	2,109	2,231
Total Membership of Assemblies	5,037	5,668
Number of Church Buildings	763	841
Number of Personages	323	345

Value of Church property	\$3,868,977	\$4,655,982
Indebtedness on Church property	722,123	930,434

Raised For	1921	1922
Buildings and Improvements	485,691	498,761
General Superintendents	13,582	11,410
District Superintendents	50,495	55,896
Pastors (including assistant pastors)	637,185	667,592
Deaconesses	10,399	8,471
Home Missions	77,224	55,350
Evangelists	173,762	184,135
Foreign Mission (churches)	185,712	162,756
Foreign Missions (W. M. S.)	17,482	20,765
Church Extension	13,881	11,043
Education	92,414	82,759
Social Welfare	8,930	8,826
Orphanage	20,603	12,118
Nazarene Tract Society	575	293
Ministerial Relief	2,253	3,289
Contingent Fund	3,196	4,258
Other Benevolences	64,915	65,969
Rent	36,068	44,664
Church Expenses	200,644	222,462
Sunday School Expenses	70,795	80,829
Miscellaneous Items	399	6,441
All Purposes	\$2,121,265	\$2,148,057

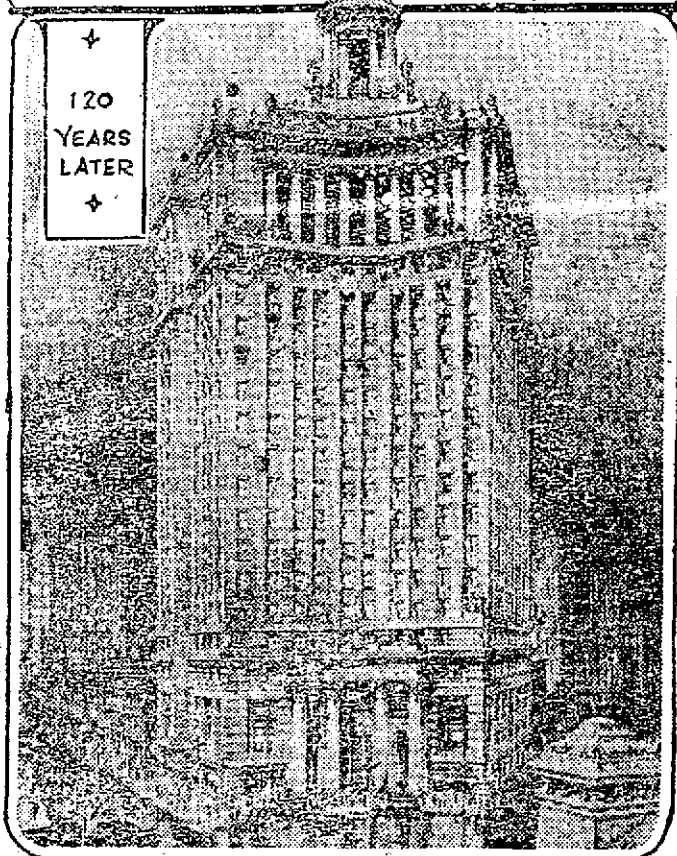
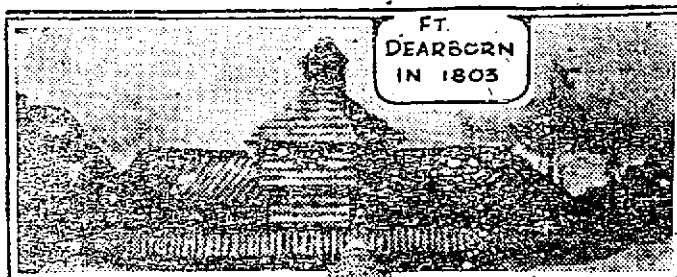
During the year of 1922 the Church of the Nazarene received the following additions:

A net increase of 85 members per week.
A net increase of 42 Y. P. S. members per week.
A net increase of 187 Sunday school scholars each week.
A net increase of 21 officers and teachers in the Sunday schools to care for the increase of scholars.
Sixty-three new congregations were added during the year.
A new church building was provided every five days, and a new personage was added every sixteen days.
The 44,118 members gave \$44.64 each during the year for the support of the church and its work.
These members paid \$12,834 per week to pastors, \$1,075 per week to support district superintendents, and \$219 per week to the support of general superintendents, and \$8,427 per week for buildings and improvements.
There was added to the value of church property \$15,137 each week.

Rev. Chas. A. Kinder, General Statistical Sec.
After looking over this foregoing financial statement, there does not seem to be anything remarkable about it to the person not acquainted with the history of our church. This being the case, a brief resume of our history would not come amiss at this time.

As early as 1894 we find a few loyal souls working on the ideals and principles, which were later to spring forth into what is now "The Church of the Nazarene." From time to time throughout the country, various missions and churches sprung up all with practically the same ideas on which to found their faith. These, of course, we must readily see, were independent of each other, and their individual financial troubles were of necessity taken care of separately, and without aid from each other. It was not until 1907 that a few of these churches were "Unionized," this taking place in Chicago. However, the present Church of the Nazarene did not come into being until Feb. 13, 1915, at Nashville, Tenn., at which time and place this union was effected, thus uniting both the home and the foreign work of the Pentecostal Mission and the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

Considering the foregoing brief remarks regarding our history, is it any wonder we are proud of our achievements, both financially and spiritually? D. C. GAFFORD, Pastor.

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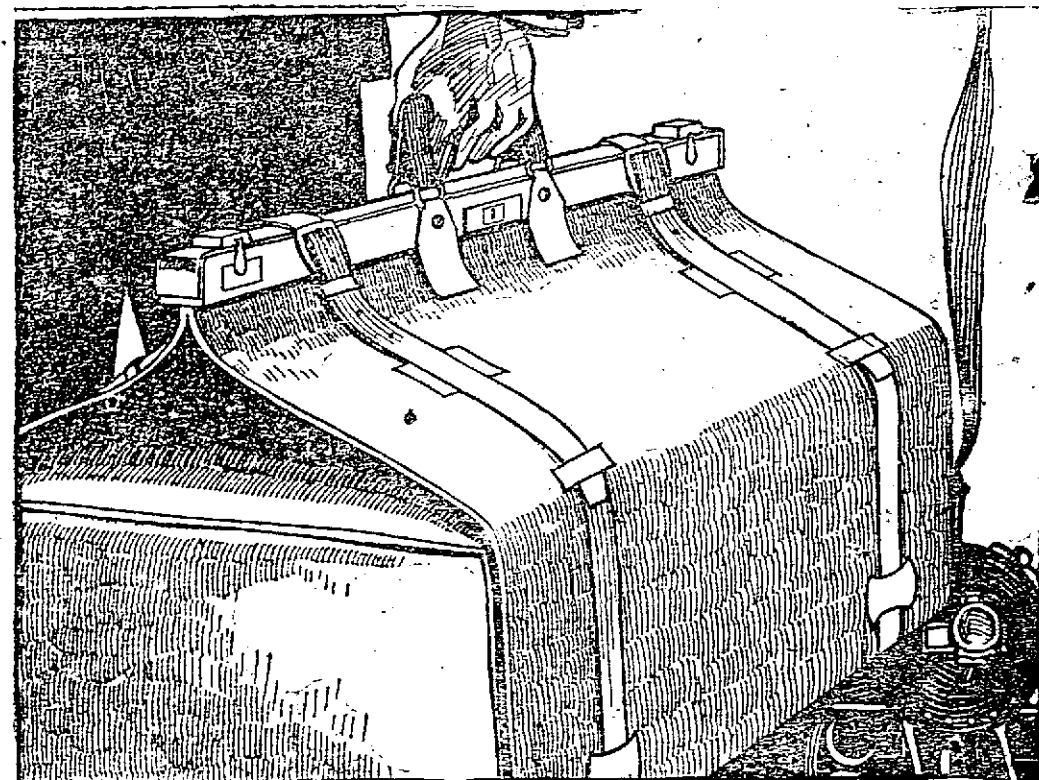
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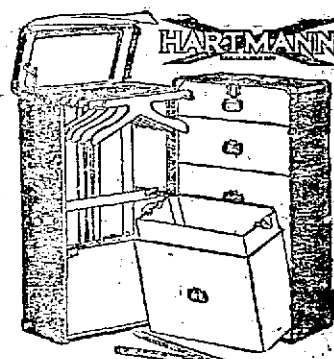
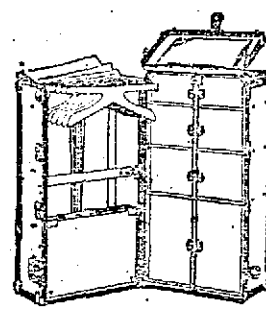
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